

# MINUTES

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OF THE

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## I.

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## II.

# JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

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The Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, *South*, convened in its *seventy-seventh* session, in the Dinwiddie Street Methodist Church, in the City of Portsmouth, Virginia, on the 15th day of November, 1871, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Bishop Robert Paine, D. D., President.

The opening religious exercises were conducted by Leroy M. Lee.

The roll of clerical and lay members was called by Paul Whitehead, the Secretary of the last session.

Paul Whitehead was elected Secretary, and P. A. Peterson Assistant Secretary.

On motion, the hour of meeting daily was fixed at half-past nine o'clock, A. M., and of adjournment at two o'clock, P. M.

The Presiding Elder of Norfolk District and the preachers stationed in Norfolk, Portsmouth and at Berkley, were appointed a Committee on Public Worship.

The following committees, consisting of one clerical and one lay member from each District, were appointed, viz :

### ON EDUCATION.

James C. Martin, John Bayley, Robert N. Sledd, Joseph A. Proctor, F. M. Edwards, Charles H. Hall, Thos. L. Williams, W. W. Duncan, James R. Waggener, Asa Snyder, John M. Godwin, Thos. Whitehead, Samuel Staples, William W. Webb, T. B. Hamlin, John A. Kilby, F. M. Whitehurst, N. R. James.

### ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

Wm. W. Bennett, John B. Dey, Lemuel S. Reed, Wesley C. Vaden, Jas. W. Blincoe, Geo. E. Booker, P. A. Peterson, S. S. Lambeth, T. J. Bayton, Jefferson W. Stubbs, Edwin B. Brown, Alex. B. Stratton, R. A. Scott, Luke J. Palmer, John A. Jefferson, Jas. W. Hinton, Wm. P. Beaman, Samuel Downing.

### ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

E. M. Peterson, James M. Anderson, R. A. Compton, David F. Hodges, Joseph E. Potts, Joseph H. Amiss, Wm. McGee, Wm. A. Crocker, P. F. August, Wm. Willis, Jr., Henry W. Murray, B. H. Moulton, Robert Smith, T. T. Pettus, B. F. Westcoat, W. E. Baker, Wm. Grant, Chas. B. Turner.

William McGee and Francis M. Edwards were appointed a Committee on Memoirs.

On motion, D. M. Wallace, John M. Saunders and Henry C. Cheatham were appointed a Committee on the Bible Cause.

James M. Anderson was appointed to receive subscriptions to the publications of our Church, issued at Nashville.

The following were appointed to constitute the Board of Missions of this Conference:

George W. Langhorne, Charles H. Hall, Wm. G. Lumpkin, James R. Waggener, Leonidas Rosser, D'Arcy Paul, Joseph H. Dawson, John R. Kilby, Wm. W. Webb, Thos. Whitehead, and William H. Turner.

A communication from A. H. Redford, Book Agent of the M. E. Church, South, with the Annual Exhibit of the Publishing House, were laid before Conference by the presiding Bishop, read, and on motion referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

A communication from J. B. McFerrin, Secretary of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and one from A. H. Redford, Treasurer of the fund raised to pay the Old Missionary debt, were laid before the Conference by the Bishop, read, and, on motion, referred to the Board of Missions of this Conference.

On motion of P. A. Peterson, it was ordered that the examination of character be conducted with open doors.

It was ordered that James McAden be continued on the supernumerary list.

L. S. Reed was appointed to serve at this session in place of W. B. Daughtery, (who is absent), on the committee to examine applicants for admission on trial.

On motion of W. E. Judkins, it was ordered that the thanks of the Conference be returned to Messrs. R. G. Hume & Bro. of this city, for a present of stationery for the use of this body.

The Court St. Baptist Church being much more commodious, and having been courteously tendered for the use of the Conference, on motion, the Conference adjourned to meet there to-morrow morning.

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## SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, November 16, 1871.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop Paine in the chair. Religious exercises were conducted by Geo. W. Langhorne.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

On motion, Geo. H. Ray was substituted for Wm. G. Lumpkin, on the Board of Missions.

Leave of absence after to-day was granted to James P. Garland and John A. Jefferson.

It was ordered that James A. Riddick, Robert J. Carson and William J. Norfleet be continued on the supernumerary list.

William T. White, an Elder, formerly in connection with the Methodist Protestant Church in the Virginia District, who was not present at the sessions of the Conference of said Church, or of this Conference last year, but who has adhered to the M. E. Church, South, under the action of the two Conferences aforesaid, passed in examination of character, and it was ordered that his name be placed on the Conference roll.

And then the Conference adjourned.

### THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, November 17, 1871.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop Paine in the chair. Religious exercises conducted by H. B. Cowles.

Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Conference proceeded to the examination of Elders.

It was ordered that John J. Lafferty, Wm. H. Camper and Thos. H. Early be placed on the supernumerary list.

On motion of P. A. Peterson, and at the request of W. H. Hopkins, it was ordered that a committee of nine be appointed to consider and report upon the rumors which are in circulation, prejudicial to the ministerial standing of Brother Hopkins.

The Chair appointed P. A. Peterson, Jas. A. Duncan, Jno. E. Edwards, Jno. M. Saunders, Lemuel S. Reid, James R. Waggener, D'Arcy Paul, N. R. James, and Jefferson W. Stubbs, to compose said committee.

On motion of J. H. Davis, a committee, consisting of J. C. Granbery, Thos. A. Ware and Wm. W. Bennett, were appointed to consider statements made respecting John F. Poulton, in letters in the possession of his Presiding Elder.

James A. Duncan, President of Randolph Macon College, presented to the Conference and read a report respecting that institution, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Education.

William W. Walker and Starke Jett, Elders, formerly connected with the Methodist Protestant Church in the Virginia District, who have adhered to our Church under the organic union effected at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, and it was ordered that their names be placed on the Conference roll.

And then the Conference adjourned.

### FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, November 18, 1871.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop Paine in the chair. Bishop D. S. Doggett being also present.

Religious exercises were conducted by George W. Nolley.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

James A. Hughes, William P. Jordan, William E. Payne, George M. Wright, Walter C. Taylor, John Q. Rhodes, Richard Ferguson, and James W. Bledsoe, who were continued on trial at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, and being examined before the Conference by the Bishop, were severally admitted into full connection and elected to Deacon's orders, except Richard Ferguson and James W. Bledsoe, (who having passed approved examinations upon the studies of the third and fourth years) were elected to Elder's orders.

Daniel G. Butts, Joshua S. Hunter, and James Thos. Lumpkin, who were received on trial at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, and were severally continued on trial; and Joshua S. Hunter, having passed an approved examination upon the studies of the second, as well as the first year, was elected to Deacon's orders.

William G. Clarke, a local preacher of Albemarle Circuit, Thomas E. Ayres, a local preacher of Buckingham Circuit, and Jas. E. Strawhand, a local preacher of Princess Anne Circuit, were severally recommended by the Quarterly Conferences of their respective Circuits for election to Deacon's orders, passed in examination of character, and were elected accordingly.

John V. Crute, a local Deacon of Buckingham Circuit, was recommended by the Quarterly Conference of that Circuit as a suitable person to be ordained Elder, passed in examination of character, and was elected to Elder's orders accordingly.

John C. Granbery, from the committee in the case of John F. Poulton, made a report, which was adopted, and the character of Brother Poulton passed accordingly. [See Reports.]

P. A. Peterson, from the committee in the case of Wm. H. Hopkins, made a report, which was adopted, and the character of Brother Hopkins passed accordingly. [See Reports.]

David F. Hodges, Charles E. Hobday, Benjamin F. Tennille, John W. Hildrup, Travis J. Taylor, Joshua L. Garrett, and Thomas P. Wise, who were continued as Deacons at the last Conference, (except Joshua L. Garrett, who is an Elder) passed in examination of character, and, with the exception before mentioned, were severally elected to Elder's orders.

It was ordered that Joseph Carson, Mathew M. Dance, Benjamin Devany, John C. Garlick, Robert A. Gregory, Wm. A. Robinson, Alexander Stewart, Jacob Shough, Benjamin M. Williams, Samuel T. Moorman, and Benjamin T. Ames, be continued on the superannuated list.

On motion, the action of the Conference, by which Geo. H. Ray was substituted for William G. Lumpkin on the Board of Missions of this Conference, was reconsidered.

Leave of absence after to-day was granted to Thomas Whitehead and John C. Granbery.

And the Conference adjourned.

## FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, November 20, 1871.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop Paine in the chair.

Religious exercises were conducted by John W. Howard.

The minutes of Saturday's session were read and approved.

Bishop Paine reported that on yesterday morning, at the Dinwiddie Street Church, in this city, he ordained the following persons Deacons:

James A. Hughes, William P. Jordan, William E. Payne, George M. Wright, Walter C. Taylor, John Q. Rhodes, Joshua S. Hunter, William G. Clarke, and James E. Strawhand.

And that on yesterday afternoon, at Central Church, in this city, assisted by Bishop Doggett, he ordained the following persons Elders:

David F. Hodges, Charles E. Hobday, Travis J. Taylor, Benjamin F. Tennille, John W. Hilldrup, Thomas P. Wise, James W. Bledsoe, Richard Ferguson, and John V. Crute.

Leave of absence for the remainder of the session, after to-day, was granted to T. T. Pettus, Wm. H. Turner, Edwin B. Brown, Alexander B. Stratton, Thos. M. Bass, Thos. W. Garrett, W. W. Duncan.

On motion of Robert Michaels, James L. Spencer was placed on the supernumerary list.

On motion of Alex. G. Brown,

Resolved, That we assure our venerable father, Joseph Carson, of our unabated affection, and offer our united and fervent prayers for him that in his extreme age he may be abundantly sustained by the grace of God.

On motion of Henry B. Cowles, the following resolution was adopted, after hearing a communication from Bishop Paine respecting the health and spiritual state of our venerable Bishop John Early:

Resolved, That we tender to our honored Father in the Gospel, our beloved Bishop Early, our sincere and tenderest sympathies in his infirmities and afflictions; that we rejoice to hear of his faith and hope in Christ, and we assure him of our continued prayers that the abundant grace of God may sustain and comfort him to the end; and that whenever called hence an abundant entrance may be ministered unto him into the everlasting Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Edward M. Peterson, from the Committee on Sunday Schools, made a report, which was read, amended, and then as a whole adopted. [See Reports.]

On motion of Thos. W. Garrett, the following resolution adopted by the last Conference to define the relation of the laity to the District Conference, was *rescinded*, viz:

"2. Resolved, That each church in a Presiding Elder's District shall have the right to elect a member of the District Conference."

And then the Conference adjourned.



## SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY, November 21, 1871.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop Paine in the chair.

Religious exercises were conducted by Joseph Lear.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Alex. G. Brown laid before the Conference the circular of the Southern Female College, Petersburg, Va., and on motion, it was referred to the Committee on Education.

Alex. G. Brown, Presiding Elder of Norfolk District, made a report in writing of the financial condition of his District, and of the manner in which the financial plans of the Church have been executed. Similar reports were made by D. P. Wills, Presiding Elder of Petersburg District, Joseph H. Davis, Presiding Elder of Rappahannock District, Jacob Manning, Presiding Elder of Charlottesville District, and James Jamieson, Presiding Elder of Danville District; and on motion, these reports were referred to the Joint Board of Finance.

D'Arcy Paul, appointed at the last Conference to collect from the estate of Philip Woodhouse, deceased, of Princess Anne County, Va., a bequest of one thousand dollars to the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, made a report of his proceedings in the case, which was adopted. [See Reports.]

Bishop Doggett in the chair.

Davis P. Wills, President of the Board of Managers of the Preachers' Educational Fund Society, made a report of the proceedings of said Board during the past year, which, with the resolutions recommended for adoption by the Conference, was adopted. [See Reports.]

Joseph H. Davis moved to amend the financial plan received and adopted at the last session of this Conference, by striking out in Section I, paragraph 4, item 2, the words "*per capita*," and inserting instead thereof the words "according to their judgment of the relative ability of the Districts." After much discussion the motion was rejected.

Leave of absence after to-day's session was granted to William Willis, Jr., D'Arcy Paul, Richard Ferguson and Benjamin Westcoat.

W. W. Bennett, from the Committee on Publishing Interests, made a report, which was read, and the hour of adjournment having arrived, the Conference adjourned.

## SEVENTH DAY.

WEDNESDAY, November 22, 1871.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop Paine in the chair.

Religious exercises were conducted by John D. Southall.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.



On motion of W. E. Judkins, Joseph H. Amiss was appointed a committee to solicit and receive subscriptions to erect a tombstone over the grave of Rev. Thos. Y. Cash.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Publishing Interests (pending the consideration of which, on yesterday, the Conference adjourned,) was laid on the table for the present.

Paul Whitehead, John R. Kilby, George M. Bain, Jr., Jesse J. Yeates, Joseph H. Dawson, Richard Irby, Alex. G. Brown, Thomas Whitehead, and D'Arcy Paul, were elected directors of the Society for the Relief of the Preachers of the Virginia Conference, and their families, their widows and orphans, for the ensuing year.

Alex. G. Brown, from the Joint Board of Finance, made a report in part, which was adopted. [See Reports.]

Rev. Mr. Staples, Agent of the Bible Society of Virginia, was introduced to the Conference, and addressed it on the subject of the Bible cause.

John M. Saunders, from the Committee on the Bible cause, made a report, which was adopted. [See reports.]

On motion of Wm. E. Judkins and Chas. H. Hall, the following resolutions were adopted by a unanimous vote:

1. Resolved. That as a Conference we hail with great pleasure the presence in our midst of Bishop D. S. Doggett, D. D., and rejoice in every such opportunity of renewing the pleasant relations with him as a former member of this body.

2. Resolved. That we deeply sympathize with him in the recent sad affliction which has befallen him in the death of his beloved daughter, and that we desire hereby to express to him, and through him to his family this sympathy, and to assure him and them of our prayers, that they may be abundantly sustained and comforted by the grace of God.

Wm. E. Mitchell, a local preacher of Buckingham Circuit; Werter H. Gregory, a local preacher of Cumberland Circuit; Edward Hebard, a local deacon of Pungoteague Circuit; James F. Twitty and John Hannon, local preachers of Hanover Circuit, were severally recommended by their respective Quarterly Conferences for admission on trial in the traveling connection, passed in examination of character, and were admitted accordingly.

Joseph S. R. Clarke, a Local Elder, formerly a member of this Conference, applied for re-admission into the traveling connection, passed in examination of character, and was re-admitted accordingly.

Leave of absence after to-day was granted to R. A. Armistead, W. M. Gill, and Dr. W. V. Croxton.

And then the Conference adjourned.

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## EIGHTH DAY—Morning.

THURSDAY, November 23, 1871.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop Paine in the chair. Religious exercises were conducted by James O. Moss.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Leave of absence after to-day's session was granted to Leo. Rosser.

On motion of James O. Moss, the resolution of the last Conference, authorizing each Quarterly Conference to elect two delegates to the District Conference, was amended by substituting for "them," the words "such pastoral charge," and "three" for "two."

Henry B. Cowles, Presiding Elder of the Lynchburg District, and John D. Blackwell, Presiding Elder of the Murfreesboro District, made financial reports of their Districts, which, on motion, were referred to the Joint Board of Finance.

John E. Edwards made a communication to Conference from Bishop Doggett, respecting his connection with a bond given by a Publishing Committee of the Richmond *Christian Advocate* in former years to the North Carolina Relief Society, when, on motion of Paul Whitehead, the subject was indefinitely postponed.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Publishing Interests was taken up, amended, and then as a whole, adopted. [See Reports.]

John E. Edwards, from the Board of Missions of this Conference, made a report, which was adopted. [See Reports.]

William McGee, from the Committee on Memoirs, made a report, which was read, adopted, and ordered to be published in the General Minutes. [See Memoirs.]

Joseph A. Proctor, from the Committee on Education, made a report, which was read, and after discussion, laid on the table for the present.

The Conference proceeded to fix the place of the next session, and it was ordered that the next session of the Conference be held at Washington Street Church, Petersburg, Va.

On motion, the thanks of Conference were tendered:

1. To the Secretaries of the Conference, and the Joint Board of Finance, for the faithful manner in which they have discharged their duties.

2. To the agents of the railroads and steamboats, for passing the members of Conference at half fare; especially to the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad for their kindness in passing the members of Conference from the crossing above Suffolk to Portsmouth free of charge.

3. To Mr. Thomas W. Scott, for tables, &c., furnished for our use.

4. To the members of the Court Street Baptist Church, for the use of their church in which to hold the sessions of Conference.

5. To the various ministers of the Churches in this city and Norfolk, who have offered us their pulpits, and *requested us* to fill them.

6. To the members of the Press, for their accurate reports of our proceedings, and gratuitous distribution of their papers among the members.

7. To the citizens of Portsmouth, Norfolk, and Berkley, for their hospitable and generous entertainment of the members of the Conference during the session.

On motion of Robert N. Sledd,

1. Resolved, That the candidates for admission on trial in the several classes to be examined, and the members of the Examining Committees, be and they are hereby required to be present at the seat of the Annual Conference by ten o'clock on the morning of the day next preceeding the day appointed for the meeting of the Conference, and enter upon the prescribed examinations.

2. Resolved, That the Secretary of the Conference publish in the *Advocate* for one month before the assembling of the Conference, such notice as will be most likely to further the object contemplated by the foregoing resolution.

On motion, the Conference adopted the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Bishops be requested to fix the time of holding the Virginia Conference not earlier than the last Wednesday in November, nor later than the first Wednesday in December, and that the Secretary be directed to send to the College of Bishops a copy of this resolution.

The Committee on Public Worship appointed the Rev. John D. Blackwell to preach the opening sermon at the next Conference, and Rev. R. N. Sledd to be alternate.

And then the Conference adjourned to meet at 5 o'clock P. M.

## EIGHTH DAY—Afternoon.

FIVE O'CLOCK, P. M.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop Paine in the chair. Religious exercises were conducted by Jos. E. Potts.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

James E. Gates, a local Elder of Oregon and Sidney Station, Richmond, was recommended by the Quarterly Conference of said Station as a suitable person to be received on trial into the traveling connection, passed in examination of character, and was admitted accordingly.

J. H. Amiss, from the committee appointed to raise funds to erect a tombstone over the grave of Thomas Y. Cash, reported that more than fifty dollars had been raised for that purpose.

Wm. W. Bennett in the chair.

Wm. E. Judkins offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted :

Whereas, The Rev. John F. Poulton, a supernumerary of this Conference, has sent a communication to this Conference, in which he leaves to the Conference to determine the question of his future relation to it, Therefore

Resolved, That he be granted a certificate of location.

On motion of J. A. Proctor, the Conference resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Education.

The resolutions recommended by the Committee were considered and adopted seriatim. [See Reports.]

John E. Edwards, from the Board of Missions, reported the appropriations for Domestic Missions within the bounds of this Conference for the ensuing year.

Richmond District—Oregon, \$400; Sidney, \$500; Williamsburg, \$300.

Rappahannock District—Culpeper, \$200; Logan Mission, \$200.

Lynchburg District—Leesville Mission, \$250; Big Island, \$100; West Buckingham, \$100.

Norfolk District—Berkley, \$400; Second Street, Portsmouth, \$200; Dare Mission, \$100.

Murfreesboro District—Edenton, \$200.

Petersburg District—Wesley Chapel, \$200; Blandford, \$200; Et-tricks, \$200; Chesterfield, \$200.

Charlottesville District—Gordonsville, \$200; Goochland, \$100; Piedmont, \$100.

Randolph Macon District—King George, \$200.

Farmville District—Wesleyan \$200; Clarksville, \$200.

Danville District—Dan River, \$100; Ringgold, \$100.

German Mission, \$1,000. Total, \$5,950.

Sum to be assessed, \$10,000.

On motion of Geo. W. Langhorne, it was

Resolved, That the Bishop be, and he is hereby requested to appoint Rev. Jno. B. Laurens, Agent of the Society for the Relief of the Preachers of the Virginia Conference, their families, their widows and orphans.

On motion of C. H. Hall, it was ordered that John B. Laurens be placed on the supernumerary list.

Bishop Paine in the chair.

Edward M. Jordon, who was continued on trial at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, was examined before the Conference by the Bishop, and was admitted into full connection, and elected to Deacon's orders.\*

On motion of L. M. Lee, the financial plan of this Conference was amended by striking out in Section 2, paragraph 1, all after the word "assemble," and insert the following: "as soon as practicable after the adjournment of the Annual Conference, the time and place of the meeting shall be fixed by the Presiding Elder."

A. G. Brown, from the Joint Board of Finance, made a final report, which was adopted, and the funds distributed. [See Reports.]

On motion of J. E. Edwards,

Resolved, That the thanks of the Conference be hereby tendered to Bishop Paine for the courteous, patient, and satisfactory manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the Conference, and hereby express the hope that in his distribution of the Episcopal work, it may be our privilege to receive his visits at future sessions of our Conference.

On motion of Chas. H. Hall,

Resolved, That we do hereby express our great pleasure in meeting Dr. J. B. McFerrin, Missionary Secretary, at this session of our Conference, and assure him, that we shall always extend to him a hearty welcome whenever he shall visit our Conference.

On motion of Jacob Manning, it was ordered that Milton L. Bishop be placed on the supernumerary list.

The President announced the following to compose Joint Board of Finance, for the ensuing year:

Alex. G. Brown, Thos. W. Garrett, John D. Blackwell, Geo. M.

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\*Ordnained by Bishop Paine the day following the adjournment of the Conference.

Bain, Jr., William G. Starr, John R. Kilby, Edward P. Wilson, D'Arcy Paul, James C. Watson, Wm. M. Gill, Jeremiah McMullan, Robert G. Smith, John M. Saunders, Thomas M. Bass, Robert W. Watts, Wm. G. Clarke, William H. Christian, Dr. W. V. Croxton, Oscar Littleton, L. D. Travers.

After religious services, conducted by W. McGee, the appointment of the preachers to their respective stations were announced, and the Conference adjourned *sine die*.

ROBERT PAINE, President.

PAUL WHITEHEAD, Secretary.

### III.

## REPORTS.

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#### ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

The circulation of Religious literature has been a cherished work of Methodism for more than a hundred years. In the plans of John Wesley this work held a chief place. By preaching on the itinerant plan, and by the circulation of good books, he accomplished the greatest reformation in morals and manners that has been seen since the apostolic age.

By the union of these two methods of instruction, and by a thorough system of organization, for which he was pre-eminently qualified, he founded a Church which has grown in power and numbers as the ages have rolled away. With the clearest foresight he perceived the untold value of sound and pure reading in fortifying the mind against the assaults of infidelity, and establishing it in the truth as it is in Jesus.

No sooner, therefore, did this remarkable man find the itinerant plan of preaching the Word forced upon him by the loud and earnest call of ignorant and perishing thousands of his countrymen, than he went forth as the leader in the combined work of preaching and writing in order to save souls. Colportage is no new idea. John Wesley's itinerants were all colporters, and from his day to the present this system has been worked with marked efficiency and success. We need not attempt to improve upon his method of circulating our literature. It is the best that has ever been devised, and if thoroughly worked it will supply every member of our Church with the books best adapted to make him wise unto salvation.

We fear that in the present age many are disposed to underrate the value of a sound and solid religious literature; and to give undue prominence to oral instruction. Both are valuable, we may say indispensable in accomplishing the work we have to do. The truths preached are more firmly fixed in the mind when they reappear in the books and periodicals which the preacher places in the hands of his members.

The doctrines of John Wesley were more deeply imbedded in the minds of his followers by means of his published sermons than by the fervid and powerful appeals which he made from the pulpit. And the biographies of holy men and women had a more direct and decided influence in forming and deepening the religious experiences of the early Methodists than any other class of books that could have been placed in their hands. Methodism has a distinctive literature, which brings out these peculiar features which prominently mark our system of faith. And it is this literature that we should freely circulate among our people. It will lead them in the old paths and give them such a view of the doctrines and duties of religion, and at the same time reveal such rich and joyous experiences in the lives of the good and true of other days as cannot fail to stimulate their languid faith and awaken ardent desires for the fulness of spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus.



If there be among us now a want of deep spirituality, we believe it is largely to be attributed to the neglect of those books which kindled the gospel afresh in the hearts of our fathers and mothers in Israel. We have almost wholly ignored the sweet and rich biographies of Methodist literature. We are ignorant of the methods by which the enemies of the faith were fought and conquered by the godly men and women of the olden times; and it is not surprising that we so often find ourselves almost overcome by the powers of darkness, and wail out our lamentations, instead of enlivening our pilgrimage with songs of rejoicing.

It is highly gratifying to know that our Church is now prepared to supply all her members with a sound literature. From our own Publishing House, books and periodicals are issued adapted to the wants of all classes. For the young our Sunday School literature is equal to all our wants. The Sunday School Magazine, The Amaranth, The Visitor, and Our Little People, with the System of Uniform Lessons, are issued under the clear and careful eye of a minister devoted to the Sunday School work, and eminently qualified to give character to its literature, so fully meet the wants and wishes of the Church as to leave scarcely anything to be desired for this great department of our work. We feel assured that our Sunday School libraries will be enlarged and improved by the addition of the best works, as our means will allow, until we shall be saved the necessity and the risk of supplying our schools with partially suitable publications from other quarters. If we desire to bring our children into the Church of their fathers, we must supply them with the literature which shall early and firmly establish them in the faith of Methodism.

In Periodical Literature our Church is peculiarly rich. The Southern Review we regard as a publication of great merit and value, and conducted with signal ability.

The New Monthly Magazine we had hoped would be sustained liberally by the Church, and we learn with deep regret that there is a probability that this excellent and ably conducted periodical will be discontinued after the present year for want of patronage.

The weekly papers of the Church we regard as among the best and readiest channels for conveying information to our people. In every part of our work these should be liberally sustained. No Methodist family should be found without a paper of the Church. The outlay will be very small and no yearly expenditure will pay better than two or three dollars invested in some well conducted religious paper of our Church. Our children will read, and ought to be encouraged to read, but we must be careful to place in their hands something better than the trashy and corrupting literature which now floods the country.

In the circulation of books and papers our ministers must be the chief agents. They should seek to know the wants of their charges in this respect, and recommend and furnish such books as may suit the wants and capacities of all classes. Combined with simple, earnest and faithful preaching, and with a careful and loving oversight of the flock, the free circulation of our own books and papers would raise the standard of average intelligence among us, and ground us in the faith so firmly as to make a substitution of other systems of faith for our own a rare occurrence among Methodists. In this view of the case our publishing interests assume an importance that there is no danger of over-estimating.

We must establish our own people in the faith which we cherish both by preaching this faith in all its doctrines, duties and privileges from our pulpits, and by re preaching it in the books, magazines and papers which we circulate among them.

We are now prepared to furnish our own literature from our own Publishing House, and we should give that house the preference over all others.

It is now conducted on safe business principles, and is constantly increasing its capacity for meeting the demands of the Church.

We do not regard this house as established and conducted for the purpose of making so many thousands of dollars annually for the Church, but for the greater and nobler purpose of sending forth to every department of our work a sound and pure literature, which our people may obtain at a reasonable outlay of money, and with the least trouble and expense. We regard it, therefore, as extremely desirable,



indeed, as indispensable, if we would have our publications freely circulated throughout the whole of our work, that some plan of depositories be established, from which, in the different sections of the country, preachers and people may be readily supplied. If such facilities cannot be granted, our people will draw their supplies from other sources, and our own Publishing House sustain a loss to the amount of the diverted patronage.

This need not be the case, and we trust that those who are specially charged with our publishing interests, will not fail to give the subject due consideration. Let the Publishing House be the great fountain of Church literature, and let the life-giving streams flow from it to every part of the wide field we cultivate.

Your Committee, after maturely considering our publishing interests, beg leave to submit the following resolutions as embodying the conclusions they have reached:

1. Resolved, That in order to afford our people and preachers in this section of our work greater facilities for procuring the publications of the Church, we request the General Agent to establish a Depository of our books in the City of Richmond.

2. Resolved, That we commend to the patronage of our people *The New Monthly Magazine*, the *Nashville Christian Advocate*, the *Sunday School Magazine*, *Visitor* and *Our Little People*, and *The Amaranth*, as publications fully worthy of their patronage.

3. Resolved, That we urge upon all our preachers the importance of securing for the *Richmond Christian Advocate* the widest possible circulation among our people, as highly necessary to the prosperity and progress of our Church in Virginia.

4. Resolved, That we regard the *Southern Quarterly Review* as entitled to a high position in the review literature of the age, and that we recommend it to the patronage of our preachers and church members.

5. Resolved, That we take pleasure in commending the *Memorials of Methodism in Virginia*, written by Rev. W. W. Bennett, and urge our people to procure and read it as a valuable addition to our Church literature.

6. Resolved, That we disapprove and condemn the publication in our religious journals of such advertisements as are calculated to deceive our people by holding out to them false inducements to spend their money.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. BENNETT, *Chairman.*

## ON EDUCATION.

The Committee to whom were referred the Educational interests of the Church within the bounds of the Virginia Conference, are happy to report that the institutions of learning under the patronage of the Conference are being favored with a flattering prosperity.

Whatever information may be required concerning the condition and prospects of Randolph Macon College, may be found in the admirable paper presented by its President to the Conference, which is by consent made a part of this Report. [See Page 18.]

Wesleyan Female College, Murfreesboro, North Carolina, of which the Rev. Paul Whitehead, a member of this Conference, is the President, is the only institution for the education of young ladies which sustains the relation to us of a Conference School. By the act of its founders, it was given this character, being held by trustees for the use of our Church, no private or stockholding ownership existing. Its Presidents and Agents have always been furnished by the Conference, and the College has always given free of charge especial educational benefits

to the daughters of our preachers, greater than those offered by any other school. The College buildings, and the various facilities for education connected with it are extensive, in good condition, and especially adapted to the purposes of the Institution and to promote the comfort and health of the students. The Faculty, consisting of four male professors and four female assistants (besides household officers) is very able, and is composed of well trained and experienced teachers, whose labors have made a most favorable impression upon the public. Our people may expect confidently to obtain at this school, education of the very best type. Though situated in the Tide-water country, there is the best possible proof, afforded by actual statistics carefully observed, that the health of the location is at least equal to that of any other. Since the reopening of the College in the Fall of 1865, there has been no death among the students, nor any serious illness originating and occurring at College to compel the withdrawal of a pupil for this reason. Typhoid fever and pneumonia, so prevalent in our Middle and Piedmont regions, are here almost unknown, and the location seems to be especially favorable to weak lungs. The College is conducted and controlled by Methodistic principles in matters of religion, though it is not sectarian in any offensive meaning, and the children of persons of other denominations are undisturbed and unannoyed in their religious convictions and feelings. Everything is done to maintain Methodism in the affections and confidence of the daughters of our people. The religious influence is effectively exerted through public and private agencies, daily worship, Sunday School, and Christian Associations. During the present Conference year a gracious revival of religion occurred among the students, resulting in the conversion of the greater part of them who were not already Christians.

The prospects of entire success are better now than at any time since the resuscitation of the Institution after the war. Up to the present time eighty-five pupils have matriculated the present session, of whom seventy are boarders, and the usual increase at the commencement of the Spring term will probably increase the number to one hundred.

The Southern Female College, located in Petersburg, Va., and under the control of W. T. Davis, Esq., though not strictly a Conference Institution, is nevertheless a Methodist College, and solicits our patronage and support. This College is receiving large additions to its buildings, increasing its facilities as an institution of learning, and making it a more valuable accessory of Methodism in that part of our Conference.

The Danville Female College has been recently reopened, under the management of Rev. Jas. Jameison, a prominent member of this Conference, and Rev. J. D. Arnold, a local minister of our Church. The Rev. J. D. Arnold, the present active principal, is a graduate of Randolph Macon College. His reputation as an able and experienced teacher, and the eligible location of the College at Danville, Va., lead us to anticipate for this Institution a brilliant and useful career in the future.

There are other Colleges in our Conference under the control of Methodists, which are worthy of our confidence, but we have not been requested to mention them in this Report. The Committee submit the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, That we again remind our people that our own schools are altogether worthy of their confidence, and should alone receive their universal patronage.

2. Resolved, That inasmuch as the income of Randolph Macon College, from its endowment and tuition fees, is not sufficient to meet its expenses, the Joint Board of Finance be directed to distribute the sum of \$3,000 among the Districts of the Conference, and that the District Stewards be requested to apportion the amounts to the various charges, and our people be earnestly requested to contribute the same.

3. Resolved, That we recommend the granting of the request of the Board of Trustees, asking the appointment of the Rev. A. G. Brown as the Financial Secretary.

4. Resolved, That as Wesleyan Female College is peculiarly a Conference Institution, it is deserving of especial notice and consideration; and that we request the Conference to re-appoint Rev. Wm. B. Rowzie as its Agent.

5. Resolved, That we commend to the patronage of our people the other schools named in the body of this report as in every respect deserving of their confidence and encouragement.

6. That we fully approve the objects and plans of the Young Preachers' Educational Board, and commend them to the ministry and laity as worthy of their sympathy and support.

J. A. PROCTOR, *Chairman.*

## REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF RANDOLPH MACON COLLEGE.

*Mr. President and Brethren of the Virginia Conference :*

It is gratifying to be able to report that Randolph Macon College, in less than two months from the opening of the present session, has enrolled the names of one hundred and forty-two students, a larger number than were present at one time during the last session, and as many, perhaps, if not more than were ever before present at any one time since the foundation of the Institution. Twenty of the students are sons of our ministers, and twenty-three are preparing for the ministry. If the number shall be increased during the year, in the proportion of the increase during last session, we shall, by next June have from one hundred and fifty to two hundred students.

I spent the whole of the summer vacation in such service as I believed would best promote the interests of the College, visiting as much of the territory of the two patronizing Conferences as I could ; preaching, lecturing, and mingling with the people socially, giving information concerning the College, and seeking to interest as many as I could in its success. I am happy to know that the Institution is steadily growing in public favor. It was gratifying to find, wherever I went, that no prejudice existed against our annual College collection. Indeed, wherever the nature of that collection has been properly explained by the preacher to the people, it is as popular as any collection we are called to take up. In some cases I fear the reason for the collection was not fully explained, and therefore the interest of the people in it is small. The collection affords an admirable opportunity for speaking about the College and recommending it to public attention, and especially for urging our own people to patronize it. It will not do to assume that our people are informed sufficiently through the papers, and need no information respecting our Church enterprises from the pulpit. Some of those who take the papers asked me for the very information which we had advertised, and which editorials and communications had repeatedly furnished. But thousands of our people do not take our Church papers. Because of this most lamentable fact they need the most explicit instructions from the preachers respecting our plans. I have estimated that, at a very reasonable calculation I preached and lectured to not less than forty thousand people in three months. What a small proportion of those ever see one of our papers ! Because they will not read, it becomes all the more important that they shall hear. But why will they not read ? You show them that, at a very small expense, they may have valuable journals, instructing and entertaining, and you urge that they will, through such journals, possess a more intelligent view of what their own Church is, and of the work it is doing in the world ; but a large number of these people are not ready for your papers, and are not prepared to appreciate any literature, have not cultivated the taste for it.

I find some people read their Bibles very little—perhaps only enough to be able to deny they never read the word of God. Thus our very means of enlightening the people fail, and the journals and periodicals struggle and almost perish in their efforts to live amid such neglect of their value. Education is pre-requisite to make people read anything except news and advertisements. Not a few members of the Christian Church spend eight or ten dollars per annum for a secular paper just to give them the secular news of the day, yet would not give you one dollar per annum for the best literary or religious journal you could send them, simply because they do not enjoy such things. By a diligent agent, in a given section of country, you may, as I know from my own experience in connection with the Press, obtain a large number of subscribers one year and then lose them the next, and only because those who have subscribed do not value the article you give them ; not because we have not excellent Church journals, but because the minority only are reading people. To correct this state of things, I think there is but one way, and that is by educating the young generation. But in order to do this we must, as pastors, exert all our influence to induce parents to educate their children. In the social circle and in the pulpit we must make direct and earnest effort to improve the desire for education, impressing upon the minds of old and young a proper conception of its value. I think a special responsibility rests upon the Methodist Church in this

matter. Our energetic, itinerant system gathers under our care a very large proportion of the inhabitants of districts of country which are remote from great business centers.

To these people we are the only preachers who can carry the elevating influence of Christian civilization. It is obviously our duty not only to preach the gospel to them, to gather them into the Church, but also to improve and elevate them as far as we can in the scale of intelligent life, to show them the worth of a refined and pure literature, the increased happiness of a home circle where the blessings of good taste and cultivated minds exist, and to urge the education of the sons and daughters as far at least as the means of the parents will justify.

We must remember that these remote districts are day by day becoming more thickly inhabited and more accessible, and if we are dutiful our influence among these people will advance coincidentally with their increasing wealth, and we shall not be mortified by finding ourselves supplanted after a time by ministers of other Churches, who, if they were our inferiors in missionary zeal, nevertheless, following after us, come to be preferred before us, perhaps because they made the social and intellectual care of their people a special object of their influence.

In the various communities where you have Churches the only intelligent classes you fail to gather around you are those who are under no obligation to you for their education. Those whom you have educated support and honor you. If neither by your instruction, nor advice, nor influence, persons are educated, you cannot justly complain if they exhibit for you no preference. It is a glorious work to evangelize, to lead men to repentance towards God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, but while this is one duty, it is not the only one we have as a Church to perform. We should endeavor to increase knowledge, improve taste, encourage mental improvement and establish our Churches in a firm, intelligent conception of our principles. To build up the Church in successive generations, we must have a due proportion of the young of each generation liberally educated. What an immense advantage it is to have in each pastoral charge young men and young women who are highly cultivated. They render you the most effective service, especially in your Sabbath School work, and become your strongest and most useful representatives in every good work. I think as the intelligence of a congregation improves your preaching is also more fully appreciated. The size of such congregations will not depend upon the merely popular qualities of the pastor so much as upon his real worth as a man of sense and piety. Rely upon it the most difficult to please and to profit by plain, earnest discourses are not the intelligent persons; for such persons always admire simplicity and earnestness, and have no itching ears for magniloquence.

Besides those who live in the remoter districts to which I have referred, we have also in our cities and towns a great work to do for the people in respect to education. No where are the young more liable to grow up without any other than a sort of superficial cultivation, the mere accident of association and free intercourse, devoid of learning beyond what is furnished by the morning journal, with no habits of reflection, no taste for any but the most sensational literature, and no proper conception of their obligations to improve their own minds. Hence their pleasures are apt to be frivolous, if not sensuous, and their industry to aim almost exclusively at the acquisition of wealth as at the highest end of human life. Yet we expect these persons to listen with interest to solid discourses, to buy and read our most valuable books, and to give money to support our Colleges. I am persuaded that, as pastors and laymen it becomes us to exert ourselves more earnestly than ever in behalf of these young people in towns and cities, who, because more exposed than others to demoralizing influences, need to be guided, advised and taught how to improve and entertain themselves. Many of them ought to be now at College, and more of them doubtless would be, if so advised by those ministers and laymen who know them and have influence over them.

It is to be regretted that so many who now come to College remain there for so short a time. With the characteristic haste of Americans the young are hurried into the positions of men and women before they are ready to render that service to society which is needed in every sphere of life. Of course a full collegiate education is impracticable in many cases, but it is very common for those who are



able to give their sons a liberal education to send them to College for a single session, or at most for two or three sessions, and even then to allow them to select their studies according to fancy, or in accommodation of an indolent disposition, rather than by any wise discretion. Such students go from us but little improved, and make for us but little reputation. We largely count on your personal influence among the people to correct such low estimates of the value of Collegiate training. The reputation of our College is daily becoming more firmly established, and more widely known, and we can boldly affirm that a Master's degree at Randolph Macon is a fortune for any young man. To the extent that is appreciated our influence will enlarge its circle.

In what I have said you will understand I do not advocate the cause of education, as it is represented by the College, from any inordinate conception of the worth of intellectual culture considered separately from all spiritual or moral development. Of all the devices of Satan for the injury of the human race, I think that deserves to be accounted the deepest and strongest, which seeks to divide the very empire of our personality; the kingdom of our manhood against itself, to array mental science against moral science, physical truths against spiritual truths, stimulating pride of intellect to a point of vain intoxication, promising to exalt us to the dignity of gods without moral principles, substituting for regeneration a bold, intellectual self-development, making talent more excellent than virtue, scholarship more divine than piety, human freedom intellectual self-assertion, human slavery obedience to God; faith another name for irrational credulity, in a word, accounting religion nonsense and impiety a mark of genius. I call this the most cunning device of Satan, because it more perfectly conceals the deadly poison under the beautiful form of noble attainments. It is less gross, less offensive to people of really refined and elevated aspirations. It tends to divide those intellectual and moral interests which ought always to be united, and to array the friends of piety against the friends of intelligence. Nay, it not only tends to do this, it has done this in thousands of instances, and morals and intelligence have both suffered in consequence. The fatal success of this scheme of the Father of Lies is palpable in the history of human thought, and the fearful and unnatural struggles of science and religion. Not a few good men have in the department of philosophy helped this adversary by the very unfortunate methods they have adopted to oppose him. In various modified forms this mystery of iniquity continues to work among the learned and the unlearned, in all nations and in every department of human society, from the proudest and boldest nationalist to the most obscure vender of small ideas in bad language, who wags his tongue against the truth. Now I hold that the only true method of meeting this subtle plan of the Wicked One, is for the Christian Church to enter vigorously into the fields of learning, like her great Apostle to take the wise in their own craftiness, to demonstrate that no men are more sensible or better informed than those who follow Christ, that the wisest are also found from generation to generation among the best, that Jesus is in the widest and fullest sense king of the truth, that the Church investigates every question of Science in her own Colleges, and is competent to contend with the ablest in any field of learning, in a word that Christianity on the highest grounds and from the loftiest motives insists upon the highest cultivation of all our faculties, and wars against no philosophy but that which is falsely so called; but claims the right to care for her own offspring, and will not commit their education to the world, the flesh or the Devil.

What eagerness we display, sometimes, in trying to win wealth or rank to the support of piety; education is a thousandfold more powerful and far less perishable, an instrumentality more penetrating and diffusive, noble and effective, than all secular advantages combined. Remember that by giving Revelation to humanity in a book, to be translated into all the different tongues of earth, with such critical skill as shall preserve its truths from loss or corruption in the delicate and difficult process, God has invoked the fidelity of his Church to the soundest scholarship, and imposed a solemn responsibility upon those Christians who are bound to guard the sacred oracles of Heaven from the defiling hands of Error, and yet at the same time equally bound to transmit their light to all the nations of the earth, and to vindicate them at the bar of every successive generation that shall demand a reason of the hope that was in their fathers.

Said an eminent British Statesman, "You have disenthroned Force and placed in

her high seat Intelligence, and the necessary consequence of this great revolution is that it has become the duty of every citizen to cultivate his faculties," and he added, "it is a consequence as incidental to the genius and the spirit of Christian civilization as that day should follow night."

I have ventured to bring these thoughts to your attention, not because I regard you as indifferent to the time-honored institution of which you are the natural, not less than the moral guardians; but because I am persuaded it is important to repeat frequently and diffuse widely those ideas which underlie our enterprises, if we would render zeal at once intelligent and effective, and raise its flame in proportion to the enlarging demand for its activity.

And now, Mr. President and brethren of the Conference, I have yet one point of the greatest practical importance to bring to your notice, that is the Financial demands of the College, the fiscal conditions upon which alone it is possible for us to accomplish the great purposes at which we aim. At present the income of the College is from two sources, College fees and public collections. With our present patronage we cannot dispense with public collections, and at the same time afford free tuition to students of divinity and to the sons of our ministers. Nor can we afford that those collections should be merely nominal, they must actually supplement our deficient income or some other measure must be adopted. It is clearly our best policy to increase the patronage of the College, and at the same time maintain the integrity of the collection plan. But we are now working our professors to an extraordinary degree, in order to avoid increase of expense by enlarging the Board of Instruction. As soon as practicable this should be corrected. We must also look to a day not far distant when the debts of the Institution shall all be paid, and an adequate endowment shall enable us to lessen the expenses of education, at the same time that we multiply its provision and increase the corps of instructors.

On all the points I have thought long and carefully, and the Board of Trustees in their last annual meeting, patiently and deliberately considered these questions in all their aspects. In their opinion and in my own, one measure for realizing our expectations, and one which we regard as the very best we are able to devise, is, to secure the services of a minister, who shall also possess the requisite business-capacity for taking upon him the entire management of the financial condition of the College, subject, of course, to the Board of Trustees, and yet at the same time possessing the ability, force of character and energy to represent the Institution before the public. It is believed that in our circumstances this is necessary, and that this plan will give us success. Such a representative, acting within the bounds of both of the patronizing Conferences, and devoting himself to the welfare of the College, will in the course of a few years, we doubt not, accomplish for us the most valuable results. The Trustees will, at this Conference, ask you for such an appointment. But I would remind you that, this measure is by no means to be understood as an invitation to any member of this body to relax in personal exertions in behalf of the College. On the contrary, the very appointment of such an agency gives us greater hope of your increased enthusiasm, because you will see in his labors for you and with you a cheering assurance that your own efforts will have increased prospect of success. The more I think on this question of the relation of the College to our usefulness as a Christian Church, the more I am convinced of the great importance of this decided and energetic plan of ensuring its prosperity. I most earnestly invoke your renewed zeal for our noble Institution at this critical hour of its history. I am fully aware that we are continually met in answer to all of our appeals for the interest of the Church by the sorrowful declaration of the great poverty of the Church. But this answer is only true if by it be meant, that the wealth of the Church is not subject to our contract. It cannot be denied that the Church is able to sustain her enterprises, but it is obviously true enough that, either those who are rich withhold supplies, or that our system of availing ourselves of the ability of the Church is defective. Perhaps, both are true; wealthy people are not as liberal as they might be, and at the same time our plans for raising funds are defective.

In a recent number of the Nashville Christian Advocate, Dr. Marshall calls attention to the following figures:

There are in the M. E. Church, South, about 600,000 members. Let us say that each pays one cent a week. In one year that will amount to the neat little sum of \$312,000. Suppose that of about 2,000,000 of the people who attend our form of worship 1,200,000 were to give us also a cent a week. That would amount in a year to \$624,000. There are 1,800,000 in our Church and congregations who could easily pay five cents a week and never miss it, making only \$2 60 cents per annum for each one. But look at the sum total, \$4,560,000. Divide this up amongst the following great claimants:

1. Missions, Domestic and Foreign; 2. Widows and orphans of deceased ministers; 3. Sabbath-schools; 4. Bible Society; 5. Education of candidates for the ministry; 6. To aid in building churches in destitute places; 7. To aid colleges and universities.

Would not such a sum, easily and constantly collected, put new life into the Church? Then it would be easy to add the support of the pastors, the Elders, and the Bishops from special funds collected in varying sums from a cent a week to larger sums.

But let us take another view of the matter. Let us divide the 600,000 members into six classes of 100,000 each.

The first class shall pay weekly, for a year, one cent—that will produce.....	\$ 52,000
The second class five cents.....	260,000
The third class ten cents.....	520,000
The fourth class fifteen cents.....	780,000
The fifth class twenty-five cents.....	1,300,000
The sixth class fifty cents.....	2,600,000

Aggregating the sum of..... \$5,512,000

The above amount is what six hundred thousand members ought to pay at the small sums per stated. But at least 1,200,000 people outside the Church, who receive their religious instruction from our pulpits and institutions, ought to pay as much more, and would, if properly sought out and cultivated. That would put into the hands of the officers of our Church annually the sum total of \$16,356,000.

In this calculation no member pays over \$26 per year, and only one-sixth of them pays that. Indeed, no one pays more, and one-sixth of the whole, only, pay so much.

Can any thing be done toward realizing at any future day so amply a revenue?

Two things only are necessary to make our fiscal power available, a plan of giving and disposition to give, a way, and a will.

Now the duty of Christians in this matter is so imperative, and the interests at stake so important that every minister and member of the Church ought to feel under special obligation to do all in his power to secure this way and this will of christian benevolence in the Church. First of all the obligation of christian liberality must of course be felt. If there be the will to give liberally, the way will not be so difficult to devise. But is a very serious thing for christians not to have such a good will. The sinfulness of knowing to do good and doing it not is so negative and unobtrusive, that men are only too apt to overlook it. Yet it is a manner of sinning which we are specially warned against in Scripture. In the pulpit and in private every man who loves the cause of Christ ought to exert his influence earnestly in behalf of the scriptural spirit of liberality. Is this duty done by us? Will all the ministers and laymen here present, by word and example, endeavor, during this Conference year, to do their full duty in this matter? If so, every enterprise of our Church in Virginia will be increased in prosperity. But what is the way? Plainly, I think the Apostolic way of laying by on the first day of the week, in store, as God has prospered us, is the simplest and best plan we could adopt.

The suggestions I have made I trust shall not be without good fruit. It would, I fear, weary you if I were to urge upon your consideration all the points which either directly or by implication seem to belong to the great interest which I am representing; for Christian education really involves almost every question relating to our prosperity as a Church. In conclusion allow me to invoke anew your



zealous efforts and fervent prayers for our increasing success. With a reputation not less firmly fixed than rapidly extending, we are full of gratitude and hope. As a Conference, your zeal, for education is freely spoken of to your praise among the Churches. You have devoted time and money to this cause for many years, making it one of the chief objects of your care, accounting it worthy of no ordinary affection; you have glorified your name by what you have accomplished. The harvest has not disappointed you. Manifold blessings, remunerating your toil and recompensing all your liberality demonstrate how "wisdom is justified of her children." Your sister Conference that has united with you in this noble work is not behind you in zeal. Already, I assure you, the preachers and people of the Baltimore Conference are giving proof of devotion to Randolph Macon, which is worthy of her oldest friends. At the last session of that Body, the ministers pledged themselves, individually, to raise or pay \$1,600 of the \$2,000 they propose to collect. With two such Conferences to sustain us, we indulge, surely in no fanciful dream when we hope for Randolph Macon a future in which the Church shall find abundant reason for rejoicing.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. A. DUNCAN.

### ON CONFERENCE MISSIONS.

The Virginia Conference Mission Board report that but five Missions, properly speaking, have been under their supervision during the past year, namely: Leesville Mission, in the Lynchburg District; Piedmont and Blue Ridge Missions, in the Charlottesville District; Clarksville Mission, in the Farmville District, and Dare Mission, in the Murfreesboro District.

PIEDMONT MISSION was placed in charge of Rev. George W. Bayley, a local preacher, who has labored with commendable zeal, and a considerable measure of success. Under date of November 9th, 1871, he sends the following report to the Board:

"Having received at the last annual Conference, the Piedmont Mission, situated among the mountains of Madison and Rappahannock counties, as my field of labor, I found but one regular appointment. Seven are now established, at which I preach regularly, and as the result of my labors, there have been 103 accessions to the Church.

We have been greatly blessed, particularly at one appointment, where there were seventy conversions. Seventy adult white persons have been baptized.

There are two Sabbath Schools, numbering, with officers, teachers, and pupils, fifty. Volumes in Library, forty.

I have visited and prayed with sixty families, and have preached one hundred and five sermons. Have received from the Mission fifty dollars.

The Mission is a very promising field of labor, and as there is no other denomination operating in it, ought by all means be continued. Some persons have been reached who had not heard a sermon for twenty-five years. The people earnestly desire the Mission to be continued."

Respectfully, yours in Christ,

GEORGE W. BAYLEY.

BLUE RIDGE MISSION has also been in charge of a local preacher, the Rev. A. L. Edwards, who has labored as his strength would allow, during the year. On November 13th, 1871, he writes as follows to the Board, giving the report of the results of his labors, and the present condition of the Mission:

"I respectfully beg leave to report that during the present Conference year the Lord has been with me, and blessed my labors on this Mission with the conversion of twenty-eight souls. There are but two houses of worship on the Mission; at each of these I have filled

my appointments regularly throughout the year. But owing to the feeble state of my health I have had no other regular appointments. I have preached at other points as opportunity afforded, and my strength permitted, and I rejoice to believe that our Heavenly Father has blessed my labors.

After deducting the number of those who have removed, and two who died in the triumphs of faith during the year, there are now one hundred and fifty-seven members, with two Sabbath Schools, numbering together one hundred and thirty scholars.

The amount received on the Mission, including one hundred and fifty dollars, paid me by Bro. J. Summerfield Moon, son of our late lamented and dear brother, Samuel J. Moon, who was the father of the Mission, is two hundred and forty-eight dollars and eighty cents. With sentiments of the highest respect for you, personally and officially,

I am, dear dear brother, very truly yours,

A. L. EDWARDS.

CLARKSVILLE MISSION was placed in charge of the Rev. H. T. Bacon at the last Conference. He has employed his time diligently in the work of his Mission. The following communication, dated Clarksville, November 11th, 1871, contains a summary account of his work:

"At the last session of the Virginia Annual Conference I was appointed in charge of this field of labor, consisting of the Church in Clarksville and Lewis's Chapel, about five miles off.

Upon entering on my work I found the Church much demoralized, not having heard a sermon from a Methodist minister in several months, being separated by the river, (the Roanoke) from the other Churches of the Circuit; the children of Methodist parents were in other Sunday Schools; the church building was not comfortable, glass being wanting, stoves out of repair, &c.

I succeeded in raising a sufficient amount to make the church comfortable, and organized a Sunday School, with twenty-two scholars. I preached four times each month, (two Sabbaths with two sermons on each day), and have also had a weekly lecture at our Friday night prayer-meeting. Our congregations have been very good; no special interest, but serious and attentive hearers. The membership numbers about twenty.

At the Church in Clarksville one hundred and sixty-two dollars has been paid for my support, one hundred and fifteen dollars of which was raised at a festival held for that purpose.

I regard the Church at Lewis's Chapel as a very interesting field of labor. It is in a poor and thickly settled neighborhood, and no other Church is accessible to them. They have attended Church regularly, and have listened with interest to the preaching of the Gospel, and I think the seed sown there promises an abundant harvest. I preach twice a month to them. We have a membership there of about twenty. There is a fine opening for a Sunday School there, which has been organized, and I hope may prove successful.

As a Mission my field of labor was not assessed for a Conference collection, but I took up one at the Church in Clarksville and received ten dollars.

For my own support I received about twelve dollars. In justice to myself let me state that I would have received more, perhaps, had I not taken up my Conference collection before any attempt was made to raise anything for myself.

The Churches are separated from other Churches in our Conference by the Roanoke river, and it is important to their success that they have a minister with them south of the river. It may be in the future an important field of labor. A railroad to Clarksville from Keysville is contemplated, in which event it will be greatly increased in population."

Yours, in Christ,

HERBERT T. BACON.

DARE MISSION has been supplied with the services of the Rev. B. H. Jarvis, a local preacher, who has had charge of this Mission for a number of years past. He reports 377 white members, 2 colored, 19 infant baptisms, 6 Sunday Schools, 125 scholars, and \$272 collected on the Mission.

The Board deeply regret that they find themselves in a financial condition that will not allow them to propose any additional fields at this time, and which compels them to abridge appropriations for the benefit of the work already in hand.

The Board at its last meeting, held on yesterday, adopted the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That all the funds collected during the coming year for Missionary purposes, in the Virginia Conference, except such as are to be paid on the "Old Missionary Debt," shall be forwarded to George M. Bain, Jr., Treasurer of the Virginia Conference Mission Board.

The Board, at the session of the Conference held in the City of Lynchburg on November, 1871, made appropriations to the amount of \$3,450. The collections for the year, as reported by the Treasurer, including the balance in hand at the close of the last Conference, falls short of paying these appropriations in full. The Board has settled with the several charges, for whose benefit appropriations were made, at 90 cents in the dollar. This is the best that could be done, with the funds in the treasury.

We shall commence another year without any money with which to meet the instalments on the appropriations that may be made at the present session of our Conference.

The Board are unanimous in the opinion that it would be judicious to make some temporary arrangement, if possible, for the supply of week appointments with ministerial labor for the ensuing year without any appropriations from the Mission Funds of Conference; and thus allow our treasury to be replenished by the collections of one year—and hereafter only appropriate such funds for Mission purposes as are in the hands of the Treasurer at the close of each Conference session.

JOHN E. EDWARDS,

President Va. Conference Mission Board.

PORTSMOUTH, VA., Nov. 23, 1871.

\* \* For Mission Appropriations see page.

## ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee confidently affirm that next to the ministry of God's word, there is no interest to which the attention of the Church can be turned of more importance than the moral and religious training of the children of the Church and community. This is the grand design of Sunday Schools. A truly christian education is the aim of those who labor in them. Hence we deem it a great cause, one of vital interest to the Church, and one that should engage the serious attention of not only this Conference, but every Christian within its bounds.

The potent influence which our Sunday Schools exert on the prosperity of our Church none can deny. An overwhelming majority of all who enter it have been trained in Sunday Schools. Those Churches are and have been most prosperous which have cherished them most. The proposition is axiomatic that that Church will become the strongest and most aggressive which secures the best and most flourishing Schools. Nearly every member of this, as well as all other Conferences, had the foundation of their Christian character laid in the Sunday School. Can the mind of man suggest a method possessing more of the elements of success than that of the Sunday School?—for here the Gospel is preached, the Bible is the text book, prayer, ardent in the simplest form of speech, is uttered, hymns that waft the soul to the very gate of Heaven are sung, and hundreds of earnest Christians are leading thousands of precious children to the feet of Jesus, that He may take them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and bless them!

We record with gratitude the glorious fact that during the year hundreds of our Sunday School scholars have been converted. Let it encourage and stimulate us to nobler action, looking and praying for the early conversion of the children, and urging it with persistent earnestness.

The Committee congratulate the Conference on the fact that at no period of its history has there been more interest manifested in the cause of Sunday Schools than at present. For the past three years there has been a gradual increase in the number of Schools and scholars, the latter at present numbering about thirty thousand. This result is due in part to the co-operation of the Virginia Sunday School Society with our ministers in carrying on and extending this great work. And if all the preachers, instead of a few, had aided the Society in executing its plans for the advancement of the cause, the results would have been even more gratifying than they are.

The Conference, at its last session, passed a resolution to co-operate with the Society in the effort to support a General Agent. Notwithstanding this resolution, scarcely anything outside of our cities has been raised for this purpose.

The Agent, the Rev. J. G. Rowe, has faithfully attended to his work, and is highly endorsed by the Society under whose auspices he has labored. In view of the want of an adequate support, the Committee do not recommend the reappointment of the Agent.

In conclusion, your Committee urge every preacher in the Conference to do all in their power to promote this vital interest of the Church. This Conference may and must exert a great influence upon the children growing up among us, and unless we put forth all efforts to save them they will not only be lost to the Methodist Church, but many of them lost in eternity.

Do we want to build up Methodism? Do we want to labor for this great Church in the future? If so, nurse your Sunday School. Do you wish to save your children from straying off to other Churches? If so, nurse your Sunday School. Relying upon God for continued help and success, let us betake ourselves to the work with increased zeal.

We recommend the following suggestions and resolutions:

1. In the general management of Schools we would urge the importance of Teachers' meetings; and the plan of assigning the same Lesson to the whole School wherever it can be done.
2. That denominational Schools be organized in preference to Union Schools wherever practicable.
3. That one minister or layman be appointed in every District, by the Presiding Elder, immediately after Conference, to bring the interests of the Sunday School cause before the District Conference; and also report to the Committee on Sunday Schools at each session of the Annual Conference, the condition of the Sabbath School cause in his District.
4. That the Executive Committee of the Conference Sunday School Society be requested to prepare and submit to this Conference, at its next session, a plan to raise the money necessary for supporting a General Agent.
5. That we heartily endorse the "Sunday School Visitor," the "Sunday School Magazine," "Our Little People," "The Amaranth," and the Uniform System of Lessons, edited by Dr. Haygood, whom we rejoice to recognize as the right man in the right place.
6. That we will endeavor to extend the circulation of our own Sunday School literature.

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#### FROM THE "PREACHERS' EDUCATIONAL BOARD."

The Preachers' Educational Board beg leave to report to the Conference the progress and present condition of the work of which they are the Directors and Supervisors.

During the past collegiate year we approved and sent to R. M. College five young ministers, paid their expenses, amounting to \$734.25, and assisted one other by giving him a small amount at a time when he was greatly embarrassed and troubled, for the want of so small a sum as we were able to furnish him. The whole amount received from all sources during the present year, or from the last session of our Conference to the present time is \$869.60, a large portion of which has been contributed and collected by the children, who, we are pleased to say, still manifest great interest in our work. The amount now in the treasury is \$322.69.

Our Board held its annual meeting for this year in the city of Richmond, September 21, to which only four young ministers applied for assistance, and these four are now under our care prosecuting their studies at R. M. College with satisfactory diligence and success. Since our meeting several have applied to the President of the Board, and he has heard of others, all of whom are represented as talented and promising, all believed to be called of God to the work of the ministry, and all strongly recommended as suitable persons to be aided by our Board; being utterly unable to defray the expenses of such an education as the times demand, and the Church requires. We are fully satisfied that there are many young men in our Church, pious, talented, called by God to the ministry, and who would make able and efficient preachers of the Gospel if they could only be properly educated. These and all others of a similar character we are anxious to assist, and nothing shall prevent us whenever such young men make application, but the want of sufficient funds.

We were never more impressed with the importance and necessity of our work, and we have never been more in earnest. Our Conference is greatly in need of young ministers. We need them as assistants on large Circuits to afford our people more preaching and greater pastoral care; we need them for small Circuits and Stations that are unable to support ministers with families; we need them to go as missionaries to new fields of labor; and we need them to take the places of the older ministers, who are rapidly wearing out, and will soon, on account of age or infirmity, be incapacitated to work, or be called by God to their reward in Heaven.

And we cannot see how we can meet this demand of our Church unless we educate our young men whom God has called to the ministry. They are unable, at least a large majority of them, to educate themselves, their friends in many instances are unable to assist them, and therefore if they are ever educated the Church must do it. And evidently this is the duty of the Church. The young men are willing, and even anxious to devote themselves to the work of the ministry; they are willing to give themselves entirely to the Church, to serve at her altars and promote her interests and prosperity, and we think that it as little as could be reasonably expected of the Church that she should cheerfully extend to them a helping hand by furnishing them all they need to prepare for this solemn and important work.

We have adopted two methods or plans by which to raise the funds necessary for this object:

1. We have formed a society of children known as the Children's Preachers' Educational Society, and we are pleased to say that this plan has worked well. The Society now numbers about four thousand children, every one of whom gave when they joined from two cents to one dollar; the greater number gave ten cents each, and there is scarcely anything more popular with the little folks than the education of the young preachers. Among the children of our Society we have appointed solicitors, and it is as surprising, as it is gratifying, to witness the interest they manifest, and the success with which their little efforts are crowned.

Some of these little solicitors collect annually \$1, some \$5, some \$10 and \$20, and one little boy, not four years old, has collected this year \$25. A little girl of Norfolk Circuit, whose name I might mention, collected during the present year the sum of \$46.10. When all the small amounts contributed and collected by the children are summed up, the aggregate furnishes a most beautiful and impressive illustration of the value and importance of little things.

But we cannot depend alone upon the children. The time has now come for us to prosecute our work of ministerial education upon a more extensive scale, and to embrace within the scope of our operations a larger number of worthy young men. Hence we are shut up to the necessity of adopting an additional plan to the one above described.

We wish to secure a larger number of adult subscribers in every Station and Circuit of our Conference, who will pledge themselves to pay their subscriptions annually in any month that they may choose, as long as they are able or as long as there is any necessity. By this plan we hope to establish a permanent institution, that will be able in a year or two to afford thorough educational advantages to all the young men of our Church who can satisfy us of their call to the ministry,



and who can prove themselves to be worthy to preach the Gospel. Such an institution as this would be of incalculable value to our Church, and cannot fail to commend itself to every one as both feasible and important. When properly understood by those who appreciate and desire an educated ministry nothing could be more popular.

But it must appear obvious to the Conference that the Educational Board cannot carry their plans into successful operation without the faithful co-operation of our preachers. We are entirely dependent upon them to execute the plans which we devise, and it is in their power to aid us very much. Being fully convinced of this, the President of the Board, soon after the adoption of our last plan, sent our printed papers, explaining and directing how to proceed, to many of our preachers, but what they have done for us we have not been advised; from two or three of them only have we received reports.

In view of the importance of the work which we are endeavoring to prosecute, we beg leave to suggest that the following resolutions be adopted:

1. Resolved, That as soon after the adjournment of the Conference as shall be practicable, the preachers in charge of Circuits and Stations are hereby earnestly requested to carry out the plan adopted and recommended by the Educational Board for raising funds for the objects contemplated in this Report.

2. Resolved, That we commend our cause and our plans to the members of our Church and friends generally, and implore them to assist us by their money and in every other form in which they are capable.

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### ON BIBLE CAUSE.

The Committee on the Bible Cause report the following resolutions for adoption by the Conference, viz:

Resolved, That the circulation of the Holy Scriptures, without note or comment, is one of the grand movements of the present age for the conversion of the heathen world, and for spreading the Gospel among civilized nations.

Resolved, That the work and success of the Bible cause are matters of joy and rejoicing to the Church of God.

Resolved, That we as members of this Conference, will heartily co-operate with any and every accredited agent of the Bible cause in Virginia.

Resolved, That the Bishop presiding at this Conference be requested to appoint Rev. John G. Rowe, Rev. E. H. Pritchett, and Rev. D. F. Hodges, to act as agents for the Bible cause in Virginia.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. SAUNDERS, Chairman.

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### REPORT OF COMMITTEE IN THE CASE OF JOHN F. POULTON.

The Committee to whom was referred the case of Rev. John F. Poulton, beg leave to report:

Bro. Poulton, an Elder of this Conference, has sustained for several years a supernumerary relation, and resides in Warrenton, within the bounds of the Baltimore Conference. The official members of Warrenton Station, in a letter to the Rev. J. H. Davis, his Presiding Elder, complains that Bro. Poulton has disturbed the peace of the Church by his opposition to Rev. I. R. Finley, D. D., their pastor.

This letter is dated Oct. 21, and was not received in time for Bro. Davis to enquire into the complaints or to correspond with Bro. Poulton before the session of the Conference. From a letter of Bro. Poulton to his Presiding Elder, dated Oct. 26, which makes no allusion to the subject, we infer that he was wholly ignorant and unsuspecting of the action of the official body at Warrenton, or that any complaint would be brought against him. We see no sufficient reason why his character should not be passed.

We recommend, therefore, that the character of Rev. John F. Poulton pass, and that the letter of the official members of the Church in Warrenton be returned to his Presiding Elder, who will doubtless examine into the facts, and, we hope, will be able to reconcile the difficulty, and restore good feeling among all the parties.

J. C. GRANBERY,  
T. H. WARE,  
W. W. BENNETT:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE IN CASE OF WM. H. HOPKINS.

The Committee appointed at the request of Rev. Wm. H. Hopkins, to inquire into certain reports prejudicial to his ministerial standing, having carefully considered the facts of the case, report that they deem further proceedings by this Conference unnecessary, and do unanimously recommend the passage of his character.

P. A. PETERSON, Chairman.

PORTSMOUTH, Nov. 17, 1871.



# IV.-GENERAL STATISTICS, 1871.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	MEMBERS.		Local Preachers.	BAPTISMS.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.						CHURCH PROPERTY.					
	White.	Colored.		Adult.	Infant.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Value of Requisites.	Money expended for S. Schools.	Churches.	Sittings.	Value of Churches.	Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Value of other Church Property.
RICHMOND DISTRICT.																	
Richmond, Trinity.....	350	.....	1	30	6	1	51	275	600	\$1,000	\$232 00	1	750	\$40,000			\$500 00
Centenary.....	280	.....	1	2	8	1	53	267	520	250	1,052 00	1	800	20,000			500 00
Broad Street.....	345	1	.....	6	14	1	37	191	487	63	604 00	1	800	40,000			500 00
Clay Street.....	262	.....	.....	11	12	1	22	220	800	100	125 00	1	600	15,000			
Union.....	365	.....	2	14	18	1	44	291	340	300	348 00	1	750	15,000			
Sidney and Oregon	205	.....	1	10	5	2	36	181	495	.....	200 00	2	400	4,000			
Rocketts.....	72	.....	1	15	1	1	17	100	150	75	40 00	1	200	2,000			
Manchester.....	240	.....	2	20	7	1	35	242	500	200	75 00	1	500	10,000			500 00
Charles City.....	450	2	.....	28	8	2	90	400	1,050	100	105 00	6	2,500	11,400	1	\$3,000	
New Kent.....	200	1	1	.....	5	3	28	140	150	50	50 00	5	1,500	3,000			
Providence.....	126	.....	.....	7	.....	4	36	92	180	80	10 00	4	600	2,000			
King William.....	290	4	2	30	6	3	49	220	350	100	40 00	3	800	3,000			
Mathews.....	962	2	1	16	23	7	100	547	1,000	157	58 00	6	2,000	6,000	1	2,000	100 00
Gloucester.....	708	1	.....	15	20	5	80	380	600	.....	100 00	5	1,350	7,500	1	1,200	200 00
Williamsburg.....	55	.....	.....	.....	1	1	12	35	150	30	19 00	1	300	3,000			
	4,910	11	14	204	134	39	709	3,581	7,462	\$2,505	\$3,058 00	39	13,850	\$181,900	3	\$6,200	\$2,300 00
CHARLOTTESVILLE DISTRICT.																	
Charlottesville.....	211	.....	1	15	18	1	22	220	600	\$300	\$66 00	1	500	\$8,000	1	\$3,500	\$300 00
Albemarle.....	486	1	1	9	4	5	20	150	300	25	5 00	7	1,500	5,000	1	1,000	
Scottsville.....	391	8	1	17	1	7	73	300	500	50	30 00	7	1,500	6,000			100 00
Fluvanna.....	334	100	2	20	.....	4	70	160	2,000	10	35 00	4	2,000	6,000			257 00
Gordonsville and Orange C. H.	98	.....	1	.....	6	2	8	77	350	30	32 00	2	600	6,000			
Orange.....	175	.....	1	19	1	3	15	75	300	.....	.....	5	1,300	3,500			
Louisa.....	540	1	2	2	1	6	31	228	450	360	73 00	7	1,800	5,900	1	2,500	150 00
Batesville.....	251	21	.....	4	5	3	22	172	427	28	47 00	2	650	3,700			
Madison.....	366	5	2	32	1	6	41	196	370	20	40 00	8	1,500	1,100	1	1,000	
Green.....	314	5	.....	11	2	4	20	95	350	35	15 00	6	1,320	3,200			120 00
Coochland.....	252	.....	.....	13	1	5	52	262	330	50	24 00	5	1,000	1,600			
Beaver Dam.....	277	1	1	.....	.....	3	49	114	180	15	31 00	4	1,050	1,750			
Blue Ridge Mission.....	157	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	20	110	.....	.....	.....	7	1,200	2,500			
Piedmont Mission.....	240	.....	.....	.....	70	2	10	40	40	.....	.....	2	500	800			
	4,092	142	12	142	110	53	453	2,199	6,197	\$923	\$398 00	67	15,920	\$55,050	4	\$8,000	\$927 00

LYNCBURG DISTRICT.																
Lynchburg—Centenary .....	340	.....	.....	23	5	1	37	255	300	.....	.....	1	850	\$20,000	.....	\$3,000
Court Street.....	348	.....	2	40	6	1	39	195	500	\$300	\$233 00	1	750	25,000	1	\$7,500
Amherst.....	433	1	2	35	15	7	65	400	800	.....	50 00	9	2,050	10,600	1	1,000
West Amherst.....	197	.....	2	3	7	6	40	200	250	.....	.....	4	800	4,000	.....	.....
Nelson.....	201	.....	.....	.....	10	5	30	150	200	20	2 00	6	1,500	6,000	.....	.....
Bedford.....	600	.....	4	50	15	8	50	400	.....	.....	25 00	10	2,200	8,450	1	2,500
Big Island.....	160	.....	.....	8	8	4	25	200	300	.....	.....	4	1,300	2,000	.....	.....
South Bedford.....	456	3	.....	94	4	6	45	317	400	43	24 00	7	2,000	6,000	1	700
Bedford Springs.....	246	2	.....	1	1	8	50	316	645	103	41 00	5	1,500	5,100	.....	100 00
Liberty.....	72	.....	.....	7	2	1	9	60	300	100	.....	1	200	3,000	.....	.....
Appomattox.....	429	1	1	5	1	7	65	354	540	.....	45 00	6	1,800	3,000	1	1,500
Campbell.....	512	.....	1	12	8	6	40	200	400	90	26 00	7	1,600	8,000	1	1,100
Buckingham.....	610	2	2	107	11	7	42	209	700	.....	45 00	7	1,400	8,000	1	1,200
Prospect.....	270	1	1	12	.....	3	26	120	200	20	40 00	3	500	5,000	1	1,200
Lecsville Mission.....	102	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	26	150	200	.....	5 00	2	600	1,000	.....	.....
	4,973	10	15	397	93	73	589	3,526	5,735	\$676	\$536 00	76	19,050	\$115,150	8	\$16,700
DANVILLE DISTRICT.																
Danville.....	175	.....	1	10	3	1	15	110	300	\$50	\$295 00	1	500	\$14,000	1	\$4,000
Charlotte.....	313	.....	.....	22	1	5	48	208	176	1	75 00	6	2,500	4,000	.....	.....
West Charlotte.....	97	.....	1	6	1	2	12	40	.....	1	12 00	4	1,000	800	.....	.....
South of Dan.....	305	.....	2	15	.....	5	25	200	500	.....	.....	5	1,000	3,500	.....	.....
Ringgold and Bannister.....	336	10	1	28	.....	4	52	208	.....	.....	28 00	5	2,400	2,200	.....	175 00
Pittsylvania.....	223	1	2	12	2	4	14	80	350	50	10 00	8	2,400	3,500	1	400
South of Staunton.....	369	7	3	39	5	6	29	359	245	45	.....	5	2,600	3,800	.....	50 00
Franklin.....	431	28	1	156	11	11	105	700	650	130	60 00	10	1,500	4,900	1	800
Henry.....	254	38	.....	9	.....	7	50	240	400	80	.....	4	1,000	2,400	.....	.....
Patrick.....	155	18	1	9	1	4	24	133	160	38	44 00	4	1,000	2,500	.....	.....
Dan River Mission.....	143	16	3	2	.....	5	39	200	250	.....	.....	6	1,200	1,200	.....	.....
Halifax.....	352	.....	.....	8	.....	5	85	247	702	.....	96 00	5	2,150	3,000	1	1,500
	3,153	118	15	316	27	59	489	2,725	3,733	\$415	\$620 00	63	19,250	\$45,800	4	\$6,700
																\$225 00

# GENERAL STATISTICS—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	MEMBERS.		Local Preachers.	BAPTISMS.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.						CHURCH PROPERTY.					
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FARMVILLE DISTRICT.																	
Farmville.....	130	61	1	5	.....	1	23	83	450	\$21	\$36 00	1	500	\$6,000	.....	.....	\$
Mount Pleasant.....	95	.....	.....	.....	1	1	10	50	530	.....	18 00	1	500	2,000	.....	.....	.....
Burkeville.....	130	1	.....	9	51	4	51	110	300	.....	.....	5	1,200	2,000	.....	.....	.....
Lunenburg.....	484	1	.....	22	37	6	65	200	800	100	50 00	6	1,200	6,000	.....	.....	.....
Boydton.....	336	5	3	5	6	5	56	365	478	40	65 00	6	1,200	6,700	.....	.....	200 00
Mecklenburg.....	712	.....	.....	29	23	9	56	241	1142	56	10 00	8	2,230	5,750	1	1,500	.....
Clarksville.....	41	1	.....	.....	42	2	72	50	100	12	10 00	2	800	1,200	.....	.....	.....
Brunswick.....	750	15	4	15	50	12	65	500	850	400	175 00	12	2,500	3,000	1	1,200	100 00
Nottoway.....	390	5	1	25	12	4	30	200	500	.....	.....	5	2,000	3,500	1	2,000	.....
Amelia.....	358	9	4	3	.....	6	90	350	700	400	64 00	8	2,000	6,000	1	2,500	.....
Powhatan.....	150	.....	1	2	.....	3	16	110	.....	25	50 00	4	1,000	5,000	.....	.....	.....
Cumberland.....	338	10	1	9	17	1	8	40	400	40	5 00	4	500	2,500	1	1,000	.....
South Brunswick.....	400	1	1	45	25	5	50	250	385	125	100 00	7	3,000	2,600	.....	.....	.....
Wesleyan & Mineral Spring...	120	1	.....	16	3	3	30	100	.....	.....	10 00	2	1,500	2,500	.....	.....	.....
	4,434	110	16	185	216	62	562	2,649	6,155	\$1,219	\$593 00	71	20,130	\$54,750	5	\$8,200	\$300 00
PETERSBURG DISTRICT.																	
Petersburg—Washington St...	399	.....	1	8	20	2	40	300	1,200	500	\$325 00	3	1,200	\$40,000	1	\$5,000	.....
Market St.....	245	.....	2	9	6	1	40	204	485	350	442 00	1	800	20,000	1	5,000	1,500 00
Wesley Chapel...	55	.....	1	.....	.....	1	20	78	250	35	100 00	1	200	1,000	.....	.....	.....
High Street.....	481	.....	3	40	10	2	19	300	1,008	200	300 00	2	800	1,200	.....	.....	300 00
Ettricks.....	120	.....	1	4	1	1	25	74	250	100	100 00	1	300	1,250	.....	.....	30 00
Chesterfield.....	308	7	3	33	3	7	68	328	650	.....	65 00	8	1,600	2,400	1	1,200	.....
Coalfield and Clover Hill.....	375	.....	1	21	.....	7	51	210	570	105	54 00	7	1,000	3,650	.....	.....	.....
West Dinwiddie.....	364	.....	.....	13	11	7	55	370	350	85	40 00	6	1,800	4,250	.....	.....	.....
Dinwiddie.....	260	.....	.....	8	9	6	30	200	300	15	30 00	6	1,000	2,500	.....	.....	.....
Sussex.....	432	.....	5	24	12	9	91	261	285	68	32 00	10	1,900	7,100	.....	.....	400 00
Hicksford.....	113	.....	.....	3	5	2	8	22	.....	75	4 00	4	600	5,000	.....	.....	.....
Prince George.....	264	.....	.....	33	29	3	18	80	100	.....	10 00	7	1,000	2,500	.....	.....	.....
Surry.....	300	.....	1	3	.....	5	25	275	500	75	120 00	6	1,000	2,000	.....	.....	.....
Smithfield.....	200	1	2	2	.....	1	25	175	600	.....	50 00	2	1,500	4,000	.....	.....	.....
Smithfield Circuit.....	378	.....	.....	6	.....	8	40	300	900	.....	32 00	11	2,500	7,900	.....	.....	17 00
	4,294	8	20	211	106	62	555	3,177	7,448	\$1,608	\$1,704 00	75	17,200	\$104,750	3	\$11,200	\$2,247 00

MURFREESBORO DISTRICT.															
Murfreesboro.....	120	7	21	2	2	23	113	.....	\$139	\$71 0'	1	250	\$3,000	.....	\$30,000 00
Northampton.....	500	4	52	8	6	46	361	330	153	1 0 0	6	2,200	4,700	.....	.....
Meherrin.....	336	8	11	30	5	37	200	200	75	80 0	5	1,000	1,575	.....	.....
Windsor.....	209	.....	7	7	6	26	150	235	100	30 0	4	1,200	3,000	.....	.....
Harrellsville.....	180	2	2	8	4	40	155	220	15	5 00	3	2,200	3,000	1	500
Edenton.....	63	.....	2	3	1	9	37	500	150	30 00	2	1,400	6,000	.....	.....
Hertford.....	889	2	2	45	4	10	60	609	1,200	20	25 00	9	3,000	8,000	1
Pasquotank.....	620	.....	5	23	19	7	48	337	100	.....	7	1,000	5,000	.....	100 00
Elizabeth City.....	190	.....	1	14	9	1	39	190	300	100	50 00	2	1,100	10,000	.....
Indian Ridge.....	619	.....	2	48	19	9	64	352	300	.....	7	1,700	6,500	.....	100 00
Suffolk.....	192	.....	1	25	5	1	27	114	400	40	200 00	1	700	9,000	.....
Gates.....	846	.....	2	117	22	13	96	520	.....	.....	10	2,000	3,500	1	300
Southampton.....	630	.....	2	86	2	8	73	271	186	139	73 00	9	2,350	7,000	.....
Dare Mission.....	379	2	1	.....	19	6	25	125	.....	.....	6	1,200	1,800	.....	950 00
	5,764	25	21	451	152	79	623	3,525	3,971	\$952	\$800 00	72	21,300	\$72,075	3
NORFOLK DISTRICT.															
Norfolk—Cumberland Street...	502	.....	3	28	45	1	45	300	650	\$560	\$400 00	1	1,200	\$20,000	.....
Granby Street.....	300	.....	1	3	22	1	40	230	600	400	200 00	1	650	30,000	\$500 00
Berkley—Chesnut Street.....	35	.....	.....	2	4	1	10	64	211	125	119 00	1	300	4,500	2,750 00
Portsmouth—Dinwiddie St.....	408	.....	1	3	12	1	65	316	450	707	256 00	1	500	10,000	47 50
Second St.....	117	.....	2	2	7	1	28	167	360	254	233 00	1	300	2,500	1,000 00
Central.....	208	.....	2	3	11	1	40	258	1,010	525	240 00	1	500	9,500	.....
Norfolk Circuit.....	224	20	.....	19	19	4	35	202	500	125	132 00	4	800	5,000	525 00
East Norfolk Circuit.....	433	.....	2	30	24	8	105	510	1,293	548	555 00	8	1,700	12,500	.....
Princess Anne.....	810	.....	6	50	36	9	108	450	1,105	100	104 00	8	2,000	10,000	1,008 00
Eastville.....	309	.....	.....	22	11	6	111	439	1,000	200	70 00	6	1,225	9,200	150 00
Pungoteague.....	609	1	5	2	12	7	104	600	1,000	165	247 00	8	3,000	15,000	600 00
Atlantic.....	474	.....	1	52	50	7	63	460	650	330	60 00	8	2,000	7,000	.....
Salisbury.....	45	.....	.....	2	7	1	9	60	200	25	25 00	1	400	5,000	1,250
Berlin.....	78	.....	3	.....	7	3	18	100	500	50	24 00	3	625	5,000	150 00
Cambridge.....	77	.....	.....	2	19	1	3	50	150	40	.....	1	225	1,200	.....
Dorchester.....	220	.....	1	.....	30	5	30	220	500	300	20 00	4	1,200	10,000	3,000
Hampton.....	169	.....	.....	2	2	2	17	75	300	.....	45 00	2	450	3,500	1,000 00
York.....	489	1	2	2	24	5	66	327	309	.....	51 00	4	1,200	3,000	.....
Wicomico.....	138	.....	.....	3	3	40	240	300	20	30 00	.....	2	600	2,000	20 00
	5,618	22	30	222	345	67	927	5,068	11,088	\$4,474	\$2,810 00	65	18,875	\$164,900	3

# GENERAL STATISTICS—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	MEMBERS.		Local Preachers.	BAPTISMS.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.						CHURCH PROPERTY.				
	White.	Colored.		Adult.	Infant.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Value of Requisites.	Money expended for S. Schools.	Churches.	Sittings.	Value of Churches.	Parsonages.	Value of other Church Property.
RAPPAHANNOCK DISTRICT.	261	36	.....	2	7	7	60	409	800	\$	\$50 00	5	1,500	\$5,500	..	.....
Rappahannock.....	396	31	1	50	2	6	40	321	825	150	50 00	5	1,300	7,000	..	\$100 00
Culpeper.....	206	1	1	.....	.....	3	27	108	282	16	.....	4	500	2,500	..	.....
Spotsylvania.....	442	.....	3	.....	.....	6	51	250	450	112	51 00	6	2,400	9,000	..	155 00
Caroline.....	373	1	.....	5	13	6	64	282	929	.....	34 00	3	1,000	5,000	..	.....
King George.....	443	.....	2	89	7	5	62	360	571	.....	62 00	5	1,200	4,600	..	.....
Westmoreland.....	318	.....	4	20	14	5	40	190	400	50	30 00	6	1,200	7,000	..	.....
Heathsville.....	92	4	.....	1	2	3	25	107	180	37	35 00	3	550	1,500	..	.....
Montross.....	437	1	3	45	15	6	89	316	1200	109	.....	4	1,000	4,900	1	1,500
Lancaster.....	456	.....	.....	13	26	6	54	211	745	.....	23 00	6	1,500	6,000	1	1,200
Middlesex.....	585	2	.....	7	2	5	40	300	650	.....	20 00	7	2,500	8,000	1	1,800
King and Queen.....	475	.....	2	40	7	7	74	365	600	.....	150 00	5	2,000	5,000	1	2,500
Hanover.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	4,517	79	18	263	95	65	617	3,210	7,632	\$465	\$595 00	59	16,650	\$61,150	4	\$7,000

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## RECAPITULATION.

Richmond District.....	4,910	11	15	204	134	39	709	3,581	7,462	\$2,505	\$3,658 00	36	13,850	\$181,900	3	\$6,200	\$2,800 00
Charlottesville District.....	4,092	142	12	142	110	53	453	2,199	6,197	923	398 00	67	16,420	55,050	4	8,000	927 00
Lynchburg District.....	4,973	10	15	397	93	73	589	3,526	5,735	676	131 00	76	19,050	115,000	8	16,700	7,300 00
Danville District.....	3,153	118	15	316	27	59	489	2,725	3,733	415	(2) 00	63	19,250	45,800	4	6,700	225 00
Farmville District.....	4,434	110	16	185	216	62	562	2,619	6,155	1,219	593 00	71	20,130	54,750	5	8,200	300 00
Petersburg District.....	4,294	8	20	211	196	62	555	3,177	7,448	1,398	1,704 00	75	17,200	104,750	3	11,200	2,247 00
Murfreesboro District.....	5,764	25	11	451	152	79	623	3,525	3,971	952	890 00	72	21,300	72,075	3	2,300	31,150 00
Norfolk District.....	5,618	22	30	222	315	67	437	5,068	11,083	4,474	2,810 00	65	18,875	161,900	3	5,250	7,875 00
Rappahannock District.....	4,517	79	18	263	95	65	617	3,240	7,632	465	505 00	59	16,650	60,150	4	7,000	1,038 00
	41,755	525	102	2,391	1,278	559	5,504	29,690	59,421	\$12,237	\$11,024 00	587	162,725	\$854,525	37	\$71,550	\$53,362 00

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**MEMOIRS.**

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THOMAS C. JENNINGS.

The subject of this brief memoir was born in the town of Hampton, Va., October 23, 1825. His father, William K. Jennings, Esq., was an honored merchant of that place and noted for his intelligence and upright Christian character. At the age of 15 years Thomas accompanied an older brother to Randolph Macon College, and while a student there was converted; returning to his home he united with the Methodist Protestant Church, the Church of his father, and in which he had been taught the truths of the Gospel, and of which he continued an honored and useful member up to the time he entered the itinerancy. The writer never knew nor heard of an inconsistency marring the symmetry of his Christian character, though he knew him intimately for twenty-seven years.

During 1844, while pastor of the Hampton Church, of which he was a member, frequent meetings with him in the Sunday School, Class room and prayer meetings, led to the impression that God had a work for him to do outside the ordinary callings of men, and questioning with him in this regard, gained the reluctant admission of a felt call to the work of the ministry.

His native modesty and christian humility, combining with a sense of the awful responsibility of the ministerial office, concealed his thoughts and feelings in this behalf within the secrecy of his own bosom, but yielding to the counsels of the pastor, he opened his mind and heart and finally consenting to devote himself to this calling, he received a license to preach from the Quarterly Conference, and exercised his gifts as occasion offered until the Fall of 1845, when he was admitted to the traveling connection of the Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, and appointed assistant on the Smithfield Circuit, but before the year ended, the pulpit of the Lynchburg Station becoming vacant, he was appointed to fill the unexpired term there, and at the end of the year he was ordained Deacon and appointed to Norfolk Station.

What seldom occurs in the history of preachers was apparent in this Brother. He entered upon his work full grown, and it is doubtful, if, during the twenty-five years of his ministry there was any appreciable improvement in either the matter or manner of his sermons. His early discourses gained him a reputation wherever he preached, and the announcement of his name as the preacher of the day was enough to insure a full congregation. His talents were of no ordinary character, and fitted him to grace any pulpit. His style was chaste, easy, flowing and often pathetic and beautiful; the effect winning, melting, subduing. Everywhere the people wondered at the gracious words which he uttered and hung with delight upon the message of the Cross from his lips.

About this time, being fond of the muses, he frequented their mount, and coming thence redolent with the aroma of their groves, he gave numerous effusions to print, which bore unmistakable evidences of poetic genius. But the sterner realities of life, with coming years of toil and care, called him from the cultivation of song to battle with the graver duties of mature manhood, and amid its severe conflicts imagination failed to plume its wings and his visits to Parnasus were less frequent and inspiring.



He continued in the active duties of the Itinerant ministry until he thought himself compelled to locate and provide for a growing family. Still, however, he maintained his membership in the Conference, and as opportunity offered filled the position and discharged the duties of the pastorate as best he could under the circumstances. All the while his heart yearned for entire consecration to the work, but his Conference could not give him employment that promised a support for his family. Amid all the toil and dust of secular engagements, Bro. J. kept his ministerial robes unsoiled by censure or suspicion. Unlike some, he had not those sharply defined edges of positive character, which too often cut and painfully wound when friend is brought into severe contact with friend. The angularities of his nature, if he had them, were so rounded by the amiability of his disposition that he seldom offended, and hence no man complained against him. In truth, he preferred to suffer wrong rather than to vindicate his rights. Hence the jostling throng on life's crowded way elbowed him as it pleased and heard no complaining word. He was amiable, if possible, to a fault. Too kind to others to do justice to himself. A meekly, patient pilgrim, not cast into the mould of this world's spirit, he journeyed to the better land and entered the river in full view of the other shore.

At the meeting of his Conference in Norfolk, in 1870, where the question of union between his own Conference and the Virginia Conference, M. E. Church, South, came up for final action, he voted in the affirmative, and at once with others of his brethren offered himself to do the work of an effective Itinerant; and was rejoiced at beholding an open door through which he might again enter upon a course of usefulness to others and happiness to himself.

From the Conference in Lynchburg last year he was appointed to the charge of the Hampton Circuit. Here in the town of his birth, his youth and manhood, where he was licensed to preach and where he began his ministry, was he destined to close his labors. He repaired to his appointed post welcomed by all, both in and out of the Church. But not one of that Quarterly Conference remained, which twenty-five years before had granted him a license to preach. With his harness on and at his work he was called from labor and entered into rest January 30th, 1871.

It seemed a strange Providence that so soon called him hence after his reconsecration to the pastoral office. But God saw it well. His work was done.

In many minds and hearts are treasured memories of this gentle servant of God, and often his name is spoken with a sad satisfaction by those who knew and loved him---loved him because they knew him. His name, his character in many a household dwells in thought an ideal form ever welcome to the visions of the mind.

Beyond many he had power over the pure affections of childhood, and the little ones recognized in him a loving friend, and fearlessly sought his company and indulged his caresses. Childlike himself, in pure affection and simple manner, no marvel that innocence intuitively sought his embrace. A man's praise is recognized in children's love. Dante wrote---"Conformity of character is the bond of friendship." Blessed that man whose spirit is conformed to a child.

Thomas C. Jennings had his record on high, and while loved ones in the flesh mourn their loss, his eternal gain has reassociated him with loved ones on high, who doubtless hail him a welcome partaker of their celestial joys.

His dismissal from the wall has left a vacancy among the workmen. His silver-voice trumpet will no more call the Lord's host to duty and to privilege. But we shall see him again---see him all radiant with the light of God enthroned in bliss with crown and robe---with harp and palm.

#### HUMPHREY BILLUPS.

Rev. Humphrey Billups was born of pious parents in the County of Mathews, Virginia, on the 10th of September, 1786. His early years were spent when but few educational advantages were presented, and among a people where only the rudiments of a common English education could be obtained; but blessed with a good mind and much energy of purpose, he went forward to life's battles deter-



mined to win. At the age of nineteen the Spirit of God arrested him with the word of divine truth, preached by the Rev. John C. Ballew, and he made a public confession of religion and connected himself with the Methodist Episcopal Church. His earnest Christian life gave promise of good and his brethren took notice of him as a proper person for the work of the ministry, and his own convictions jointing in the same direction he applied for a license to preach, which the Quarterly Conference of Gloucester Circuit granted September 30th, 1812.

With an open door in to an extensive field, Bro. Billups entered with his Bible and hymn book, gathering information as he might from the few Methodist publications then in circulation; and fired with a warm heart and burning zeal he told redemption's story. At this period of his history Methodism was strong with youthful vigor, and such a laborer could do effective service for the Church. The masses around him heard the truth as he proclaimed it, and hearing, believed and were saved. Thus he labored in the local ranks as a licentiate until in due time he was graduated to the orders of Deacon and Elder, all the while increasing in knowledge and fitness for his work, until the year 1837, when he was admitted into the traveling connection of the Virginia Conference. He was now fifty-one years of age, and had a fund of experience accumulated through a ministerial exercise of twenty-five years. After entering the itinerancy he traveled for some years on different Circuits in Virginia and North Carolina, during which the Lord blessed his labors with signal success, hundreds of converts being reported in his charges. It would be gratifying here to enlarge, if possessed of the material facts necessary to a minute specification, but the Committee is shut up to this general summary. It is known that the deceased was a good man and a successful worker in the vineyard of the Master. He did not flash and flare in the pulpit, nor seek to dress his sermons in tinsel; his style was not ornate, but the truth as he preached it was effective.

Age and infirmities finally compelled him to desist from the active work of the Conference, and to accept a superannuated relation, which he held for several years prior to his death.

Bro. Billups was a stranger to many members of the Conference. He had outlived many of the associates of his active ministry, and comparatively few remembered the days of his strength.

His last years were marked with ardent devotion to the Church, preaching as often as seemed practicable. His adherence to Methodist doctrine and polity was firm, he remembered the olden time and often referred to the past.

His conversations frequently turned upon the approach of death, and his expressions were those of readiness for the change from Earth to Heaven. The aged pilgrim stood on the margin of the river, nor was startled when the dull hoarse murmuring of the stream broke on his ear, but stepped down quietly into its waters and passed over to the immortal shore.

Thus died this man of God, on the 20th day of May, 1871, in the 86th year of his age.

## VI.

# APPOINTMENTS FOR 1871-'72.

The figures appended to the names represent the number of consecutive years for which the incumbent has been appointed to the Charge.

### RICHMOND DISTRICT.

LEROY M. LEE, 2, P. E.

#### Richmond.

{ Trinity—James P. Garland, 2.  
 { Rocketts—To be supplied (by Ro.  
 { H. Mullen.)  
 { Centenary—John C. Granbery, 4.  
 { Sidney—Geo. C. Vanderslice, 1.  
 Broad Street—John E. Edwards, 4.  
 Clay Street—Edward M. Peterson, 2.  
 Union—Benj. F. Woodward, 3.  
 Oregon—Geo. W. Nolley, 2.  
 Manchester—Wm. H. Christian, 2.

Henrico and Charles City—Wm. G. Williams, 1.  
 New Kent—Jas. H. Crown, 2.  
 Providence—Thos. P. Wise, 2.  
 King William—Geo. M. Wright, 3.  
 Mathews—Alfred Wiles, 2.  
 Gloucester—James C. Martin, 2.  
 Williamsburg—Alex. M. Hall, 2.  
 Supt. German Mission—Ed. N. S. Blogg.  
 Chaplain U. S. Navy—Wm. R. Cobb.

### CHARLOTTESVILLE DISTRICT.

JACOB MANNING, 3, P. E.

Charlottesville—Joseph E. Martin, 1.  
 Albemarle—Jas. M. Anderson, 3; John J. Lafferty, Sup'y.  
 Scottsville—John Bayley, 3.  
 Fluvanna—Hartwell H. Gary, 1.  
 Buck Island—Be supplied (by J. Hall.)  
 Gordonsville and } James L. Fisher, 2.  
 Orange C. H., }  
 Orange Circuit—Edward M. Jordan, 1; Wm. H. Camper, Sup'y.

Louisa—James O. Moss, 1.  
 Batesville—Wilbur F. Robins, 1.  
 Madison—Robt. W. Watts, 3.  
 Piedmont Mission—To be supplied (by G. W. Bailey.)  
 Green—John W. Howard, 1.  
 Goochland—Benj. C. Spiller, 2.  
 Beaver Dam—Wm. E. Payne, 1.  
 Cobham—Henry M. Linney, 1.

### LYNCHBURG DISTRICT.

HENRY B. COWLES, 3, P. E.

#### Lynchburg.

{ Centenary, Wm. E. Edwards, 2.  
 { Madison Mission—To be supplied,  
 { (by S. H. Mullen.)  
 Court Street—Robt. N. Sledd, 4.  
 Amherst—Joseph B. Merritt, 1.  
 { West Amherst—Walter C. Taylor,  
 { 1; T. H. Early, Sup'y.  
 { Big Island Mission—(Be supplied,  
 { by Elisha De Witt.)  
 Nelson—James E. Gates, 1.  
 Bedford—John M. Saunders, 4.

South Bedford—John W. F. Jones, 1.  
 Bedford Springs—Joshua S. Hunter, 2; M. L. Bishop, Sup'y.  
 Liberty—Robert A. Compton, 2.  
 Appomattox—Layton J. Hansberger, 1.  
 Campbell—John W. Hilldrup, 3.  
 { Buckingham—Robert B. Beadles, 3.  
 { West Buckingham Mission—To be  
 { supplied (by J. A. Crowder.)  
 Prospect—James W. Bledsoe, 2.  
 Leesville Mission—To be supplied (by R. A. Lee.)

## DANVILLE DISTRICT.

JAMES JAMIESON, 4, P. E.

Danville—Joseph A. Proctor, 2.	Franklin—David F. Hodges, 2; One to be supplied.
Charlotte—John D. Southall, 2.	Henry—Henry C. Bowles, 2.
West Charlotte—James A. Hughes, 1.	Patrick—James T. Lumpkin, 2.
South of Dan—Wesley C. Vaden, 2.	Dan River Mission—To be supplied (by W. S. Creasy.)
Ringgold—To be supplied.	Halifax—Jeremiah McMullan, 4.
Bannister—John Q. Rhodes, 1.	
Pittsylvania—John W. Tucker, 2.	

## FARMVILLE DISTRICT.

ROBERT MICHAELS, 4, P. E.

Farmville—Francis M. Edwards, 2.	Clarksville Mission—H. T. Bacon, 2.
Mt. Pleasant and Mineral Spring—Jos. S. R. Clarke, 1.	Brunswick—James W. Blincoe, 4.
Wesleyan Mission—Geo. H. Ray, 1.	Nottoway—Wm. G. Lumpkin, 4; Jas. L. Spencer, Sup'y.
Burkeville—Thos. M. Beekham, 2.	Amelia—Joseph E. Potts, 4.
Lunenburg—James C. Watson, 4.	Powhatan—James F. Twitty, 1.
Boydton—David M. Wallace, 3.	Cumberland—Wm. W. Spain, 1.
Mecklenburg—B. H. Johnson, 4; James McAden, Sup'y.	South Brunswick—William T. White, 1.

## PETERSBURG DISTRICT.

DAVIS P. WILLS, 2, P. E.

Petersburg.	Chesterfield—Fielding A. Davis, 2.
Washington St.—Ch. H. Hall, 4; Jno. B. Laurens, Sup'y.	Caulfield and Clover Hill—Wm. P. Jordan, 1.
Wesley Chapel and Blandford—Jacob H. Proctor, 1; Chas. V. Bingley, 1.	Dinwiddie—Travis J. Taylor, 3.
Market St.—G. W. Langhorne, 2; Th. S. Campbell, Sup'y.	West Dinwiddie—Geo. N. Guy, 4.
High Street and Battersea—George E. Booker, 2.	Sussex—Edward P. Wilson, 1; J. A. Riddick, Sup'y.
Ettricks—Thomas Diggs, 2.	Hicksford—James E. McSparran, 1.
	Prince George—Richard Ferguson, 2.
	Surry—John McClellan, 1.

## MURFREESBORO DISTRICT.

LEMUEL S. REED, 1, P. E.

Murfreesboro—Peter F. August, 2.	Elizabeth City—Samuel S. Lambeth, 2.
Northampton—Joseph Lear, 1.	Suffolk—Wm. G. Starr, 3.
Meherrin—Benjamin F. Tennille, 2.	Gates—Wm. P. Wright, 2.
Windsor—Jas. W. Compton, 2; Robt. L. Carson, Sup'y.	Southampton—John W. White, 3.
Harrellsville—Joseph H. Riddick, 2.	Chuckatuck—John P. Woodward, 1.
Edenton—Beverly W. Daugherty, 3.	President Wesleyan Female College—Paul Whitehead.
Hertford—Major S. Colonna, 3.	Agent Wesleyan Female College—Wm. B. Rowzie.
Pasquotank—Thos. L. Williams, 3.	

## NORFOLK DISTRICT.

PETER A. PETERSON, 1, P. E.

- Norfolk.
- { Cumberland St.—J. D. Blackwell, 1.
  - { Chesnut St., Berkley—W. McGee, 1.
  - Granby St.—W. W. Duncan, 4; Wm. J. Norfleet, Sup'y.
- Portsmouth.
- Dinwiddie St.—Wm. E. Judkins, 2.
  - { Central—Adam C. Bledsoe, 1.
  - { Second St.—Wm. E. Allen, 1.
- Norfolk Circuit—Robt. A. Armistead, 2.
- East Norfolk Circuit—Lloyd Moore, 1.
- South Norfolk Circuit—Joseph J. Edwards, 1; Edward Hebard, 1.
- Indian Ridge—James D. Lumsden, 2.
- Dare Mission—To be supplied.
- Princess Anne—Joshua L. Garrett, 2.
- York—Robt. N. Crooks, 1.
- Hampton—Henry C. Cheatham, 1.
- Smithfield—Ezekiah P. Mitchell, 3.
- Isle of Wight—James W. Connelly, 1.

## RANDOLPH MACON DISTRICT.

JOSEPH H. DAVIS, 3, P. E.

- { Rappahannock—Jas. F. Brannin, 1.
  - { Rappahannock Mission—J. F. Finnell, 1.
- Culpeper—John Hannon, 1.
- Culpeper Circuit—John N. Jones, 1.
- Spotsylvania—Werter H. Gregory, 1.
- Caroline—Chas. E. Hobday, 1.
- King George—Wm. F. Bain, 3.
- Westmoreland—Esmond A. Gibbs, 2; W. W. Walker, 1.
- Heathsville—W. A. Crocker, 2; S. Jett, 1.
- Montross—Daniel G. Butts, 1.
- Lancaster—Thos. J. Bayton, 3.
- Middlesex—Thomas H. Boggs, 3.
- { King and Queen—Josiah D. Hank, 2.
  - { Logan Mission—To be supplied.
- Hanover—James R. Waggener, 2.
- Pres't R. M. College—Jas. A. Duncan.
- Financial Secretary R. M. College—Alex. G. Brown.
- Sunday School Agent—Leo Rosser.
- Agent Va. Bible Society, John G. Rowe.
- “ “ “ “ E. H. Pritchett.
- Editor R. C. Advocate, Wm. W. Bennett.

## EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT.

JOHN B. DEY, 1, P. E.

- Eastville—Chas. E. Watts, 2.
- Pungoteague—Oscar Littleton, 1.
- Atlantic—James C. Reed, 1.
- Wicomico—To be supplied (by L. K. Lecato.)
- Salisbury—Thos. A. Ware, 2.
- Berlin—Wm. E. Mitchell, 1.
- Cambridge—To be supplied.
- Dorchester—Joseph H. Amiss.

SUPERANNUATED.—Joseph Carson, Matthew M. Dance, Benjamin Devany, John C. Garlick, Rob't A. Gregory, Wm. A. Robinson, Alexander Stewart, Jacob Shough, Benj. M. Williams, Sam'l T. Moorman, Benjamin T. Ames.

TRANSFERRED.—Wm. H. Hopkins, to the St. Louis Conference; W. E. Wasson to the Baltimore Conference.

## VII.

### PASTORAL CHANGES.

MINISTER'S NAMES.	REMOVED FROM.	APPOINTED TO
Allen, Wm. E.....	Smithfield Circuit.....	Second Street, Portsmouth.
Amiss, Jos. H.....	Sussex.....	Dorchester.
Bingley, Chas. V.....	Cambridge.....	Wesley Chapel, Petersburg.
Blackwell, John D.....	Murfreesboro District.....	Cumberland St., Norfolk.
Bledsoe, Adam C.....	Pungoteague.....	Central, Portsmouth.
Brannin, James F.....	Sup'y Relation.....	Rappahannock Circuit.
Butts, Daniel G.....	Caroline.....	Montross.
Cheatham, H. C.....	Chesnut Street, Berkley....	Hampton.
Clarke, Jos. S. R.....	Local Relation.....	Mt. Pleasant & Min'l Spr'g
Connolly, James W.....	Surry.....	Isle of Wight.
Crooks, R. N.....	South Bedford.....	York.
Dey, John B.....	Charlottesville.....	Eastern Shore District.
Edwards, Jos. J.....	Hampton.....	South Norfolk Circuit.
Finnell, Jas. F.....	Beaver Dam.....	Rappahannock Mission.
Gary, Hartwell H.....	Batesville.....	Fluvanna.
Gates, James E.....	Local Relation.....	Nelson.
Gregory, Werter H.....	" ".....	Spotsylvania.
Hannon, John.....	" ".....	Culpeper.
Hansberger, L. J.....	Cumberland.....	Appomattox.
Hobday, Chas. E.....	Goochland.....	Caroline.
Howard, John W.....	Louisa.....	Greene.
Hughes, James A.....	Southampton.....	West Charlotte.
Jett, Starke.....	Meth. Protestant Church...	Heathsville.
Jones, John N.....	Nelson.....	Culpeper Circuit.
Jones, J. W. F.....	South Staunton.....	South Bedford.
Jordan, Wm. P.....	West Charlotte.....	Coalfield & Clover Hill.
Jordan, E. M.....	Berlin.....	Orange Circuit.
Lear, Joseph.....	York.....	Northampton.
Linney, H. M.....	Coalfield and Clover Hill...	Cobham.
Littleton, Oscar.....	Atlantic.....	Pungoteague.
Martin, Jos. E.....	Central, Portsmouth.....	Charlottesville.
McClellan, John.....	Smithfield Circuit.....	Surry.
McGee, Wm.....	East Norfolk Circuit.....	Chesnut Street, Berkley.
McSparran, Jas. E.....	Northampton.....	Hicksford.
Merritt, J. B.....	West Amherst.....	Amherst.
Mitchell, Wm. E.....	Local Relation.....	Berlin.
Moore, Lloyd.....	Deale's Island.....	East Norfolk.
Moss, James O.....	Dorchester.....	Louisa.
Payne, Wm. E.....	Orange.....	Beaver Dam.
Peterson, P. A.....	Cumberland St., Norfolk...	Norfolk District.
Proctor, Jacob H.....	Sup'y Relation.....	Wesley Chapel, Petersburg.
Ray, George H.....	Wesleyan and Min'l Spring	Wesleyan Mission.
Reed, James C.....	Powhatan.....	Atlantic.
Rhodes, John Q.....	Spotsylvania.....	Bannister.
Robins, Wilbur F.....	Rappahannock.....	Batesville.
Spiller, Benj. C.....	Sup'y Relation.....	Goochland.
Spain, Wm. W.....	South Brunswick.....	Cumberland.
Taylor, Walter C.....	Montross.....	West Amherst.
Twitty, James F.....	Local Relation.....	Powhatan.
Vanderslice, Geo C.....	Charles City.....	Sidney, Richmond.
Walker, Wm. W.....	Meth. Protestant Church...	Westmoreland.
White, Wm. T.....	Meth. Protestant Church...	South Brunswick.
Williams, Wm. G.....	Second St., Portsmouth....	Charles City.
Wilson, Edward P.....	Hicksford.....	Sussex.
Woodward, Jno. P.....	Sup'y Relation.....	Chuckatuck.



## VIII.

### COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION.

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#### TO EXAMINE CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION.

Chas H. Hall, Chairman,  
James C. Watson.

Wm. W. Duncan,  
Beverly W. Daugherty.

#### FIRST YEAR.

Wm. E. Judkins, Chairman,  
Robt. W. Watts,  
Wm. E. Edwards,  
James M. Anderson.

#### SECOND YEAR.

James A. Duncan, Chairman,  
Joseph A. Proctor,  
Wm. G. Starr,  
Adam C. Bledsoe.

#### THIRD YEAR.

Robt. N. Sledd, Chairman,  
George H. Ray,  
Joseph H. Amiss,  
James O. Moss.

#### FOURTH YEAR.

Paul Whitehead, Chairman,  
John B. Dey,  
James R. Waggener,  
Sam'l. S. Lambeth.

#### COURSE OF STUDY.

FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.—The Bible, in reference to doctrines generally; Wesley's Sermons on Justification by Faith, and on the Witness of the Spirit; Book of Discipline; the ordinary branches of an English education.

FIRST YEAR.—The Bible, in reference to its historical and biographical parts and chronology; Book of Discipline, with special reference to Chap. I., Secs. 1 and 2; Manual of Discipline, Chaps. I. and II.; Wesley's Sermons, Vol. I.; Ralston's Elements of Divinity; Watson's Institutes, Part IV.; Preachers' Manual; History of the Organization of the M. E. Church, South, by A. H. Redford; Written Sermon on Repentance.

Books of Reference.—Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary; Theological Compend; Fletcher's Works; Watson's Life of Wesley.

SECOND YEAR.---The Bible, in reference to its Prophetical parts; Wesley's Sermons, Vol. II.; Watson's Institutes, Part III.; Smith's Elements of Divinity; Book of Discipline, with special reference to Chaps. II., III. and IV.; Manual of Discipline, Chaps. III. and IV.; Coppee's Rhetoric; Written Sermon on Justification by Faith.

*Books of Reference.*---Newton or Keith on the Prophecies; Angus' Handbook of the Bible; Claude's Essay on the Composition of a Sermon; Watson's Sermon's; Bickerstith on the Spirit of Life; Whately's Rhetoric.

THIRD YEAR.---The Bible, in reference to the Life of Christ; Wesley's Sermon's, Vol. III.; Watson's Institutes, Part II.; Coppee's Logic; Rivers' Mental Philosophy; Edgar's Variations of Popery; Book of Discipline, with special reference to Chap. V. to the end; Manual of Discipline, Chaps. V., VI., and VII.; Written Sermon on the Witness of the Spirit.

*Books of Reference.*---Young's Christ of History; Neander's Life of Christ; Hickok's Mental Science; Vinet's Pastoral Theology; Stevens' History of Methodism; Paine's Life of McKendree; D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation; Whately's Logic.

FOURTH YEAR.---The Bible, in reference to the Acts and Epistles, their analysis and design; Wesley's Sermons, Vol. IV.; Watson's Institutes, Part I.; Powell on Apostolical Succession; Hickok's Moral Science; Mosheim's Church History; Summers on Baptism; Book of Discipline reviewed; Manual of Discipline, Chaps. VIII. and IX.; Written Sermon on Regeneration.

*Books of Reference.*---Butler's Analogy; Bingham's Antiquities; Rivers' Moral Philosophy; Hoppin's Homiletics; Wall on Infant Baptism; Litton's Church of Christ; Neander's Church History; Liddon on the Divinity of our Lord; Conybeare and Howson's Life and Epistles of St. Paul.

COMMENTARIES.---Clarke's, Watson's Exposition, Wesley's Notes, Summers on the Gospels, Stier's Words of the Lord Jesus, Lange on the New Testament, Olshausen on the New Testament, Alford on the New Testament, Bloomfield on the New Testament, Macknight on the Epistles, Henry's Exposition, Whitby's Commentary.

NOTE.---The Examination will be confined to the Course of Study. The Books of Reference are recommended to be read, and the Commentaries to be consulted.

\*.\*The candidates for admission on trial and the several classes to be examined, and the members of the Examining Committees are required to be present at the seat of the Annual Conference by 10 o'clock on the morning of the day next preceding the day appointed for the meeting of the Conference, and enter upon the prescribed examinations.

## IX.

# CONSTITUTION OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

*Adopted November, 1871.*

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ARTICLE 1. This Constitution shall be known as the Constitution of the Board of Missions of the Virginia Annual Conference auxiliary to the Board of Missions of the M. E. Church, South.

ART. 2. The officers of this Board shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and ten Managers, to be chosen by the Conference; any five of whom may constitute a quorum.

ART. 3. The President, or in his absence the Vice President shall preside at all meetings of the Board; in the absence of both a Chairman shall be chosen by the Board.

ART. 4. The Secretary shall keep in a book a faithful record of the proceedings of the Board, and prepare the regular Annual Report for the Annual Conference, and forward a copy of the same to the General Secretary.

ART. 5. The Treasurer shall take charge of all the funds of the Board, and hold them subject to order of the Board; and make an annual report of his receipts and disbursements to the Annual Conference.

ART. 6. Forty per cent of all the moneys collected for missions in the bounds of the Virginia Conference shall be forwarded to the Treasurer of the General Board for Missionary purposes; the remaining 60 per cent. may be appropriated to missions within the bounds of the Virginia Conference. If any surplus remain such surplus shall be forwarded to the General Treasurer.

ART. 7. All appropriations to missions within the bounds of the Virginia Conference shall be made by the Bishop, and the Board, as provided in this Constitution.

ART. 8. The officers shall hold their position till the first session of the Virginia Annual Conference after the next meeting of the General Conference, or, till their successors shall be appointed.

ART. 9. Any vacancy occurring in the Board shall be filled by the Board subject to ratification of the Conference.

ART. 10. There shall be a public meeting of the Board at each Annual Conference in the interest of the Missionary cause.

# **X.—FINANCIAL EXHIBIT FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 15, 1871.**

## *I.—Of Traveling Expenses, Salaries, Missionary Coll., Conference Coll., Bishops' Fund and Educatin'l Fund.*

PASTORAL CHARGES.	Travel'g Expenses Paid.	SALARIES.			MISSIONS.			CONF. COLL.		BIS'PS FUND.		EDU'L. FUND	
		Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Asses'd	Paid.	Miss. Debt.	Asses'd	Paid.	Asses'd	Paid.	Asses'd	Paid.
RICHMOND DISTRICT.	\$140 00	\$1,500 00	\$1,288 92	\$211 08									
Richmond, Trinity.....	10 00	2,000 00	2,000 00		\$52 15	\$53 60		\$45 84	\$46 00	\$11 48	\$12 00	\$21 40	\$21 40
Centenary.....		2,580 00	2,580 00		58 50	200 00		50 00	100 00	12 75	25 50	22 50	66 50
Broad Street.....	8 00	2,200 00	2,200 00		65 00	204 85		56 16	321 85	16 25	40 00	26 93	30 00
Clay Street.....		1,350 00	1,350 00		50 00	33 00		50 00	40 00	13 00	13 00	22 46	
Union.....	7 50	1,600 00	1,600 00		71 00	77 65	\$25 00	61 00	65 00	15 95	16 00	27 45	27 45
Sidney and Oregon.....		400 00	345 00	55 00	30 00	10 16		28 33	8 07	7 22	4 42	12 74	6 65
Rocketts.....					4 35			7 16		2 55		3 93	
Manchester.....	24 94	1,320 00	1,320 00		40 00	3 42	10 00	33 34	33 34	8 50	8 50	15 00	15 00
Charles City.....		850 00	850 00		80 00	20 93	10 00	68 34	26 10	17 42	13 16	30 75	16 00
New Kent.....	10 00	600 00	500 00	100 00	46 66	10 00		40 34	13 00	12 14	8 13	18 15	14 55
Providence.....		300 00	195 95	104 05	23 34	7 02		20 16	4 18	5 14	2 53	9 07	6 10
King William.....		300 00	200 00	100 00	50 00	12 90		43 67	9 52	11 13	6 79	19 65	22 00
Mathews.....	50 00	950 00	752 18	197 82	170 00	12 62	10 00	142 50	47 16	35 00	13 70	64 10	8 18
Gloucester.....	35 00	800 00	800 00		150 00	42 53	10 00	117 50	91 00	29 26	29 26	52 87	10 00
Williamsburg.....	25 00	400 00	249 95	150 05	9 00	27 50		8 66	10 00	2 21	3 00	4 00	4 00
	\$310 44	\$17,150 00	\$16,232 00	\$918 00	\$900 00	\$716 18	\$75 00	\$773 00	\$815 22	\$200 00	\$195 99	\$351 00	\$247 83
CHARLOTTESVILLE DISTRICT.		\$1,400 00	\$997 50	\$402 50									
Charlottesville.....		875 00	875 00		\$33 60	\$30 00	17 00	\$44 80	\$34 55	\$11 50	\$11 50	\$20 00	\$20 00
Albemarle.....		1,100 00	764 00	336 00	67 00	25 75		89 60	40 00	23 25	23 25	40 50	40 50
Scottsville.....	6 00	700 00	469 70	230 30	42 00	27 53		56 00	27 87	14 50	5 50	25 50	9 75
Fluvanna.....	13 00	800 00	91 99	708 01	42 00	6 00	10 00	56 00	17 00	14 25	5 00	25 00	5 00
Gordonsville and Orange C. H.....	31 00	500 00	392 07	107 93		8 25							
Orange.....		185 00	185 00		25 00	15 00		33 60	18 00	8 75	8 35	15 00	7 00
Louisa.....	12 00	918 00	434 00	484 00	60 00	10 00		60 00	10 00	20 00	5 00		
Batesville.....	15 00	400 00	313 63	86 37	39 00	24 50	10 00	53 20	31 50	13 50	10 50	23 75	15 42
Madison.....		900 00	813 50	86 50	60 00	25 00		81 20	50 00	20 50	20 50	38 75	12 00
Green.....	40 00	600 00	331 01	268 99	46 00	8 02		61 60	5 88	15 25	2 17	27 50	1 30
Goochland.....		315 00	185 60	129 40		5 50		41 31	18 04	11 17	6 25	19 10	1 78
Beaver Dam.....		200 00	200 00		33 00	17 00		44 80	15 00	11 50	5 00	20 50	5 65
	\$117 00	\$8,893 00	\$6,053 00	\$2,840 00	\$500 00	\$202 55	\$42 00	\$671 00	\$267 84	\$172 00	\$103 02	\$304 00	\$118 40

# FINANCIAL EXHIBIT FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER, 1871—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	Travel'g Expenses Paid.	SALARIES.			MISSIONS.			CONF. COLL.		BIS'PS FUND.		EDU'L. FUND.	
		Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Asses'd	Paid.	Miss. Debt.	Asses'd	Paid.	Asses'd	Paid.	Asses'd	Paid.
LYNCHBURG DISTRICT.	\$50 00	\$1,400 00	\$1,173 81	\$226 19			\$25 00						
Lynchburg—Centenary	10 00	1,400 00	1,400 00			\$51 05	100 00	\$67 50	\$51 60	\$12 00	\$16 80		
Court Street		2,150 00	2,150 00		\$83 67	83 67		77 50	77 50	16 00	21 85	\$35 14	\$35 14
Amherst	45 00	800 00	649 15	150 85		28 07	10 00	75 00	75 00	19 00	19 00		7 53
West Amherst	60 00	490 00	208 00	282 00		5 00		48 50	12 00	14 00	4 00		
Nelson		700 00	317 79	382 21		2 25	5 00	41 25	31 37	12 00	10 00		
Bedford		1,100 00	1,000 00	100 00		10 00			40 00		25 00		
Big Island		214 80	214 80						9 00				
South Bedford	60 00	600 00	279 00	321 00		8 70	10 00		30 25		10 50		
Bedford Springs	5 00	580 00	494 15	85 85	34 74	34 74	10 00		32 81	8 15	8 15	14 37	14 37
Liberty	30 00	500 00	409 93	90 07	30 00		5 00	17 50	11 50	5 00	5 00		
Appomattox		850 00	698 70	151 30		29 91	10 00	60 00	35 25	16 00	10 30		6 25
Campbell		600 00	510 30	89 70		38 00		80 00	30 00	22 50	12 00	37 50	18 00
Buckingham	30 00	600 00	500 00	100 00		6 00	10 00	55 00	55 00	15 00	15 00		2 50
Prospect		700 00	700 00			15 00	10 00	55 00	55 00	15 00	15 00		
	\$290 00	\$12,759 80	\$10,780 63	\$1,979 17	\$800 00	\$312 39	\$195 00	\$741 00	\$546 28	\$191 00	\$172 60	\$336 00	\$83 81
PETERSBURG DISTRICT.	\$114 00	\$1,300 00	\$1,036 38	\$263 62									
Petersburg—Washington St.		2,500 00	2,500 00		\$139 00	195 63	\$58 59	\$105 00	\$105 00	\$27 00	\$27 00	\$48 00	\$48 00
Market St.	30 00	1,400 00	1,400 00		103 00	133 00	20 00	78 00	78 00	21 00	21 00	35 00	35 00
High Street		1,200 00	1,200 00			35 00		29 00	29 00	7 00	7 00	12 00	12 00
Ettricks		200 00	184 03	15 97	11 00	11 00		8 00	8 00	2 00	2 00	4 00	0 50
Chesterfield	50 00	900 00	493 82	406 18	49 00	20 70		36 00	15 93	10 00	5 50	16 00	
Coalfield and Clover Hill	16 01	445 00	241 80	203 20	82 00			63 00		16 00		30 00	
West Dinwiddie		700 00	634 33	65 67	42 00	12 06		31 00	31 00	8 00	8 00	16 00	10 00
Dinwiddie		500 00	300 00	200 00	35 00	12 15		29 00	29 00	6 00	6 00	12 00	12 00
Sussex	10 00	1,000 00	763 80	236 20	103 00	23 35	10 00	78 00	70 00	21 00	20 00	35 00	30 00
Hicksford	10 00	700 00	634 15	65 85	82 00	45 98	10 00	63 00	55 85	16 00	16 00	30 00	30 00
Prince George		450 00	450 00		18 00	20 00		13 00	15 76	4 00	4 00	6 00	6 00
Surry		360 00	270 00	90 00	97 00	5 00		73 00	4 00	18 00	2 00		
Smithfield		950 00	650 00	300 00	30 00	24 13			10 13		1 00		1 00
Smithfield Circuit	10 50	745 00	403 43	341 57	51 50	22 00	6 00	39 00	20 20	10 50	5 00	17 50	7 00
	\$240 51	\$13,350 00	\$11,161 74	\$2,188 26	\$900 00	\$509 20	\$104 59	\$584 00	\$472 77	\$178 00	\$124 50	\$312 00	\$191 50

FARMVILLE DISTRICT.		\$1,350 00	\$1,050 00	\$300 00									
Farmville.....	\$51 60	1,050 00	1,050 00	30 00	\$36 25			\$30 00	\$24 08	\$20 00	\$20 00	\$25 00	\$26 35
Mount Pleasant.....		400 00	280 00	20 00	20 00			10 00	11 50	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00
Burkeville.....	50 00	850 00	179 32	670 68	3 25				10 15		5 50		5 00
Lunenburg.....		1,100 00	741 50	358 50	97 50	50 00		83 50	83 50	21 25	21 25	37 50	20 00
Boydton.....		1,025 00	1,025 00		15 00	10 00		60 00	60 00	20 00	20 00	25 00	20 00
Mecklenburg.....	12 00	833 00	560 95	272 05	73 77			75 00	63 18	25 00	21 72	30 00	22 91
Clarksville.....		250 00	174 12	75 88					13 09				
Brunswick.....		870 00	600 00	270 00		18 05	20 08	75 00	75 00	29 00	50 00		
Nottoway.....	10 00	900 00	725 80	174 20		35 10	20 00	60 00	52 00	20 00	16 90		
Amelia.....		1,000 00	732 18	267 82	45 00	25 59		70 00	59 00	20 00	16 00	25 00	22 60
Powhatan.....		450 00	301 07	148 93		19 23	10 00	40 00	40 00	15 00	15 00	20 00	10 00
Cumberland.....		742 00	710 80	31 20		20 00	10 00	53 10	25 50	15 00	15 00		2 50
South Brunswick.....	15 50	600 00	307 00	293 00	40 00	7 00		40 00	7 50	15 00	7 00	30 00	7 00
Wesleyan & Mineral Spring.....		300 00	300 00			17 00	10 00	15 00	15 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00
	\$139 10	\$11,720 00	\$8,737 74	\$2,982 26	\$600 00	\$340 24	\$80 08	\$735 00	\$539 50	\$189 00	\$223 37	\$324 00	\$151 36
NORFOLK DISTRICT.		\$177 80	\$2,000 00	\$1,920 00	\$80 00								
Norfolk—Cumberland St.....	26 00	1,800 00	1,800 00		\$90 00	\$103 00	\$50 00	\$95 00	\$150 00	\$22 00	\$35 00		\$40 00
Granby St.....		2,100 00	2,100 00		84 00	92 00	50 00	95 00	150 00	22 00	35 00	\$37 00	121 65
Berkley—Chesnut St.....		600 00	600 00										
Portsmouth—Dinwiddie St.....	37 50	2,000 00	2,000 00		75 00	134 54	20 00	85 00	140 00	22 00	36 00	33 00	33 00
Second St.....		600 00	600 00			25 10			10 00		4 25		
Central.....		1,500 00	1,500 00		36 00	36 00	10 00	30 00	45 00	9 00	9 00	16 00	16 00
Norfolk Circuit.....	22 50	800 00	800 00		48 00	56 00	5 00	35 00	43 81	14 00	14 00	21 00	29 81
East Norfolk Circuit.....	12 00	900 00	900 00		75 00	175 00	100 00	75 00	175 00	19 00	50 00	33 00	100 00
Princess Anne.....	50 00	1,000 00	1,000 00		75 00	75 00		75 00	75 00	19 00	19 00	33 00	33 00
Eastville.....	40 00	852 00	850 00		39 00	39 00		43 00	43 00	9 00	9 00	17 00	17 00
Pungoteague.....	55 00	1,050 00	1,050 00		78 00	78 00	20 00	95 00	95 00	22 00	22 00	34 00	34 00
Atlantic.....	12 00	150 00	150 00										
		1,000 00	1,000 00		75 00	69 00	15 00	70 00	70 00	14 00	14 00	33 00	33 00
Salisbury.....	50 00	125 00	125 00										
Wicomico.....	4 00	608 40	608 40		25 00	5 00		28 00	10 00	8 00	6 00	14 00	
Berlin.....		411 25	378 43	32 82	23 00	11 00		24 00	7 00	6 00	4 00	10 00	
Cambridge.....	35 00	250 00	173 50	76 50	30 00	15 00		15 00	5 00	5 00			
Dorchester.....		600 00	424 55	175 45	36 00	20 30		20 00	15 94	9 00	7 75		
Hampton.....	35 00	1,000 00	787 72	212 28	87 00	62 30		75 00	26 00	22 00	10 00	38 00	
York.....	12 00	456 36	456 36		12 00	12 00		10 00	10 00	4 00	4 00		4 00
		600 00	600 00		12 00	20 00		15 00	15 00	4 00	5 00	6 00	6 00
	\$568 80	\$20,403 01	\$19,825 96	\$577 05	\$900 00	\$1,028 24	\$270 00	\$885 00	\$1,085 75	\$230 00	\$284 00	\$395 00	\$467 46



# FINANCIAL EXHIBIT FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER, 1871—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	Travel'g Expenses Paid.	SALARIES.			MISSIONS.			CONF. COLL.		BIS'PS FUND.		EDU'L. FUND.	
		Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Asses'd	Paid.	Miss. Debt.	Asses'd	Paid.	Asses'd	Paid.	Asses'd	Paid.
DANVILLE DISTRICT.		\$750 00	\$500 44	\$249 56			\$25 00						
Danville.....	\$22 50	1,400 00	1,400 00			\$20 00	10 00		\$50 00		\$20 00		\$20 00
Charlotte.....		500 00	427 71	72 29	\$40 00	30 15	20 00	\$38 38	32 81	\$14 00	8 22	\$26 00	12 74
West Charlotte.....		200 00	146 65	53 35	20 00	6 60		15 00	7 00	5 00	2 00	14 00	3 00
South of Dan.....		525 00	496 77	28 23	45 00	20 64	10 00	64 00	16 75	19 00	6 39	27 00	21 69
Ringgold and Bannister.....		191 50	191 50			10 00							
Pittsylvania.....		500 00	428 00	72 00	45 00	15 00		64 00	40 80	19 00	19 00	20 00	10 00
South of Staunton.....							1 10		1 50				
Franklin.....	37 00	562 00	397 00	165 00	30 00	68 69	5 00	40 00	40 00	10 00	10 00	30 00	
Henry.....		500 00	356 70	143 30	35 00	16 00		38 00	17 00	10 00	8 00	17 00	
Patrick.....	25 66	200 00	161 29	38 71	35 00	17 50		38 00	19 20	10 00	5 00	17 00	8 50
Halifax.....	20 00	800 00	685 51	114 49	48 79	21 10	10 00	65 50	36 21	16 70	12 16	29 48	
	\$105 15	\$6,128 50	\$5,191 57	\$936 93	\$400 00	\$225 68	\$80 00	\$523 00	\$259 77	\$135 00	\$90 77	\$239 00	\$75 93
RAPPAHANNOCK DISTRICT.		\$1,010 00	\$640 93	\$369 07									
Rappahannock.....		500 00	280 00	220 00	\$26 00	\$10 75	\$10 00	\$44 22	\$4 00	\$11 33		\$20 50	\$5 00
Culpeper.....	\$15 00	1,166 00	360 67	805 33	20 00	16 00		35 00	21 00	10 00	\$6 51	16 00	16 00
Spotsylvania.....		260 00	98 84	161 16	26 00	4 00		44 22	1 25	11 33	1 20	20 50	1 46
Caroline.....		250 00	151 37	98 63				68 05	12 62	17 50	7 75	31 00	5 68
King George.....		250 00	200 55	49 45	40 00	18 16		68 25	36 15	17 43	12 00	31 00	10 04
Westmoreland.....		600 00	598 00	2 00	54 25	54 25	10 00		11 40		5 00		10 00
Heathsville.....	25 00	600 00	482 40	117 60		17 27	10 00		40 35				7 84
Montross.....	40 00	615 00	341 44	273 56	10 00	3 70		20 50	4 10	5 23	2 05	9 00	2 00
Lancaster.....		160 00	100 00	60 00	40 00	40 20		68 05	27 00	17 50	17 00	31 00	10 65
Middlesex.....	15 00	935 00	630 78	304 22	40 00	40 00	15 00	68 50	50 00	17 50	17 50	31 00	32 00
King and Queen.....		650 00	499 67	150 33	40 00	4 06	5 00	68 05		17 50	12 42	31 00	7 65
Hanover.....	50 00	800 00	351 81	448 19	40 00	40 00		32 00	32 20	10 00	10 00	30 00	30 00
	\$145 00	\$6,596 00	\$5,326 94	\$3,269 06	\$400 00	\$248 39	\$50 00	\$685 00	\$240 07	\$176 00	\$91 43	\$312 00	\$188 32

MURFREESBORO DISTRICT.															
Murfreesboro.....	\$78 00	\$1,500 00	\$1,388 15	\$111 85	\$13 20	\$123 00	\$25 00	\$20 00	\$67 50	\$5 10	\$28 35	\$9 00	\$20 00		
Northampton.....	24 50	515 00	515 00		39 00	39 00		76 00	76 00	23 88	24 00	47 75	47 75		
Meherrin.....	10 00	650 00	650 00		32 00	41 18		63 00	63 00	11 91	11 91	23 84	3 02		
Windsor.....	6 00	510 00	405 79	104 21	30 00	10 00		70 00	32 00	9 40	7 37	18 54	2 00		
Harrellsville.....	50 00	650 00	598 93	51 07	30 00	15 00		60 00	15 60	9 40	9 40	18 49	2 00		
Edenton.....		717 50	597 10	120 40	22 00	12 00		43 00	7 65	4 47	4 47	4 94	4 94		
Hertford.....	4 14	525 00	525 00		55 00	25 00		110 00	50 00	34 23	25 00	61 47	12 80		
Pasquotank.....	25 00	800 00	737 35	62 65	55 00	15 00	10 00	110 00	15 00	26 17	24 00	48 35			
Elizabeth City.....		1,000 00	787 85	212 15	22 00	54 76		43 00	56 50	12 85	16 00	13 69	15 00		
Indian Ridge.....	45 00	1,100 00	1,100 00		39 00	15 00		76 00	46 77	26 34	10 00	48 70	25 00		
Suffolk.....	22 00	800 00	674 42	125 58	22 00	22 00	10 00	43 00	43 00	11 41	11 41	14 82	16 00		
Gates.....	8 00	1,000 00	1,000 00		55 00	105 44		110 00	110 00	34 75	34 75	61 57	19 20		
Southampton.....	15 00	650 00	650 00		42 00	30 62	20 00	48 00	41 57	24 14	24 14	48 29	40 00		
	9 50	450 00	405 95	44 05											
	10 45	300 00	270 67	29 33											
	\$307 59	\$11,167 59	\$10,306 21	\$861 29	\$600 00	\$508 00	\$75 00	\$918 00	\$625 59	\$234 00	\$230 80	\$417 00	\$207 71		

## RECAPITULATION.

Richmond District.....	\$310 40	\$17,150 00	\$16,232 00	\$918 00	\$900 00	\$716 18	\$75 00	\$773 00	\$815 22	\$200 00	\$195 99	\$351 00	\$247 83
Charlottesville District.....	117 00	8,893 00	6,053 00	2,840 00	500 00	202 55	42 00	671 00	267 84	172 00	103 02	304 00	118 40
Lynchburg District.....	290 00	12,759 80	10,780 63	1,979 17	800 00	312 39	95 00	741 00	546 28	191 00	172 60	336 00	83 81
Danville District.....	105 15	6,128 50	5,191 57	936 93	400 00	225 68	80 00	523 00	259 77	135 00	90 77	239 00	75 93
Farmville District.....	139 10	11,720 00	8,737 74	2,982 26	600 00	340 24	60 08	735 00	539 50	189 00	223 37	334 00	151 36
Petersburg District.....	240 51	13,350 00	11,161 74	2,188 26	900 00	509 20	104 59	584 00	472 77	178 00	124 50	312 00	191 50
Murfreesboro District.....	307 59	11,167 50	10,306 21	861 29	600 00	508 00	75 00	918 00	625 59	234 00	230 80	417 00	207 71
Norfolk District.....	568 80	20,403 01	19,825 96	577 05	900 00	1,028 24	260 00	885 00	1,085 75	230 00	284 00	395 00	467 46
Rappahannock District.....	145 00	8,596 00	5,326 94	3,269 06	400 00	248 39	50 00	685 00	240 07	176 00	91 43	312 00	138 32
Total for 1871.....	\$2,223 55	\$110,167 81	\$93,615 79	\$16,552 02	\$6,000 00	\$4,090 87	\$841 67	\$6,515 00	\$4,852 79	\$1,705 00	\$1,516 48	\$3,000 00	\$1,682 32
Total for 1870.....	1,475 78	99,407 90	83,406 46	16,001 44		4,202 43	756 15		3,812 68		1,309 00		1,140 46
Total Increase.....	747 77	10,759 91	10,209 33	550 58			85 52		1,040 11		207 48		541 86
Total Decrease.....						111 56							

# FINANCIAL EXHIBIT FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER, 1871—CONTINUED.

## II.—Comparative Statement.

II. Comparison.																									
DISTRICTS.	AVERAGE SALARIES.						AVERAGE PAID PER WHITE MEMBER FOR																		
	Assessed.		Paid.		Deficit.		Trav. Ex.	Salaries.			Missions		Bishops' Fund.		Confer. Collect'n.		Educat'l Fund.		*All oth'r Purposes		Total per Member.		Comparative		
	1870.	1871.	1870.	1871.	1870.	1871.	1871.	1870.	1871.	1870.	1871.	1870.	1871.	1870.	1871.	1870.	1871.	1870.	1871.	1870.	1871.	1870.	1871.	Inc'sc.	Dec.
					Pt. et.	Pt. et.																			
Richmond. ....	\$1,115	\$1,143	\$1,001	\$1,082	10¼	5¾	6¼	302¾	331	12¾	16½	4	4	11¾	16½	3¾	5	111	76¼	446	455½	9		90½	
Charlottesville	640	635	465	432	27½	32	2¾	162	145	7¼	5¾	3¼	2½	7	6⅔	2¼	2¾	94	20¼	275¾	185¼	25			
Lynchburg.....	808	851	745	719	8	15½	6	234¾	216½	9½	8	3¼	3½	8½	11	1¾	1¾	35	71	292¾	317¾				
Danville.....	567	511	390	433	31¼	15¼	3¼	132½	161	6	9½	1¾	2¾	5½	8	½	2¾	9	20¼	155¼	207½	51¼			
Farmville.....	868	781	691	583	26¾	25½	3⅝	204	196	8½	9	3¾	5	11	12	1½	3¾	20	151	248¾	379⅝	130⅝			
Petersburg .....	900	890	751	744	16½	16½	5½	261¼	259	12¾	14¼	3¾	3	12	11	3¾	4¾	202	149½	495¼	447¾			41½	
Murfreesboro...	729	744	625	687	14¼	7¾	5¼	141¼	178	6½	10¾	2¾	4	8¾	10¾	3¾	3¾	60	44¼	222	256¾	34¾			
Norfolk.....	944	1,059	901	1,029	4½	2⅞	10⅞	293½	351	21½	22¾	3¾	5	14½	19¾	3¾	8	132	223	469	639⅞	170⅞			
Rappahannock	655	661	434	410	33½	38	3¼	124½	117½	7	6½	2¾	2	6¾	5¾	4¾	3	23	23¾	168¾	161¼			7¼	
Whole Confer..	815	826	884	701	16	15	5¼	209½	222¾	12	11¾	3¾	3½	9½	11½	3	4	83	90	320¼	348¾	28¾			
Increase.....		11		17			5¼		13¼					¼		2		1			28¾				
Decrease .....						1					¼							7							

\* Reported in General Statistics.

## FINANCIAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

*III.—Reports of Joint Board of Finance.*

## 1.—CONFERENCE COLLECTION.

Amount necessary to meet the claims of the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of deceased preachers.....\$6,600 00

## COLLECTED :

Amount remaining in hands of A. G. Brown, from last year.....\$	165 45
From Richmond District.....	815 22
“ Charlottesville District.....	267 84
“ Lynchburg District.....	546 28
“ Danville District.....	259 77
“ Farmville District.....	539 50
“ Petersburg District.....	472 77
“ Murfreesboro District.....	625 59
“ Norfolk District.....	1,085 75
“ Rappahannock District.....	240 07
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	\$5,018 24

## PAID TO

Jacob Shough.....\$	170 00	Mrs. Wm. M. Ward.....\$	85 00
John G. Garlick.....	249 05	Mrs. J. W. Wonnycott.....	127 50
Joseph Carson.....	85 00	Miss Mollie Wonnycott.....	34 00
Humphrey Billups, (dec'd).....	63 75	Miss Ella Wonnycott.....	34 00
Wm. A. Robinson.....	140 25	Miss Carrie Wonnycott.....	21 25
Samuel T. Moorman.....	170 00	Miss Jane Wonnycott.....	21 25
Mrs. J. W. Childs.....	127 50	Mrs. Anthony Dibrell.....	117 30
Mrs. B. E. Gibson.....	127 50	Mrs. J. H. Joyner.....	127 50
Mrs. F. Stanley.....	85 00	Mrs. Gregory and five children.	365 50
Mrs. M. C. Pierce.....	284 75	Mrs. Julia Wood.....	85 00
Mrs. M. M. Kessee.....	127 50	Mrs. Benjamin Miles.....	85 00
Mrs. Maria Peyton.....	85 00	Mrs. Atmore.....	63 75
Mrs. Robert Scott.....	127 50	Mrs. W. I. Hunter, two children.	170 00
Mrs. J. D. Coulling.....	56 95	Mrs. I. M. Arnold, three “	153 00
Sidney Coulling.....	55 25	Miss L. A. Nixon for her two	
Mrs. J. H. Payne.....	127 50	sisters.....	68 00
Mrs. M. L. Shelton and three		Rev. T. C. Jennings's two chil'd.	68 00
children.....	229 50	Mrs. A. J. Beckwith and child.	161 50
Mrs. Mary Bain.....	127 50	Master Willie S. Hunter.....	34 00
Mrs. W. C. Blount and child....	161 50	Mrs. M. C. Sprigg, two children.	130 90
Miss S. J. Robertson.....	34 00	Widow of Rev. T. C. Jennings..	25 00
Child of W. P. Twyman.....	34 00	Printing, stationary, and other	
Mrs. A. Boyd.....	63 75	incidental expenses, including	
Mrs. T. C. Hayes.....	63 75	\$7.75 counterfeit money.....	106 94
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			\$4,880 89

Balance in hands of A. G. Brown, Chairman..... 137 35

Total.....\$5,018 24

GEO. M. BAIN, JR., Treasurer.

## FINANCIAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

*Reports of Joint Board of Finance—continued.*

## 2. BISHOP'S FUND.

Collected.....	\$1,516 48
Paid Bishop Pierce.....	\$ 47 00
“ “ Paine for traveling expenses.....	40 00
“ “ Early.....	500 00
“ “ Paine.....	924 48
	<u>\$1,516 48</u>

GEO. M. BAIN, JR., Treasurer.

November 23, 1871.

## 3. EDUCATIONAL FUND.

Amount received and reported by Preachers at Conference.....	\$1,682 33
Less amount reported paid by Preachers to Wm. Willis, Jr., Treasurer.....	\$714 35
Remitted to Wm. Willis, Jr., Treasurer.....	967 98
	<u>\$1,682 33</u>

GEO. M. BAIN, JR., Treasurer.

Nov. 23d, 1871.

*IV.—Reports of Conference Missionary Treasurer.*

## 1. FOREIGN MISSION DEBT.

Amount received and reported by Preachers at Conference.....	\$ 971 67
Amount contributed by Preachers and others at Conference.....	170 00
	<u>\$1,141 67</u>
Less amount reported by Preachers, remitted to Nashville.....	\$165 00
Remitted to J. B. McFerrin.....	976 67
	<u>\$1,141 67</u>

GEO. M. BAIN, JR., Treasurer.

November 23, 1871.

## 2. GENERAL MISSION FUND.

Amounts received and reported by preachers and collected at Conference.....	\$4,395 66
Amount forwarded to Parent Board at Nashville, (including \$8, remitted by W. W. Duncan, and draft of Bishop Pierce for \$500, paid to E. N. S. Blogg.....)	\$1,758 26
Retained for Conference Missions.....	2,637 40
	<u>\$4,395 66</u>

GEO. M. BAIN, JR., Treasurer.

November 23, 1871.

## FINANCIAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

*Reports of Conference Missionary Treasurer—continued..*

## 3. CONFERENCE MISSION FUND.

Balance on hand from last year.....	\$636 85
Cash by J. D. Blackwell, from Amherst Circuit, May, 1871.....	5 00
Amount (60 per cent.) of General Fund retained.....	2,637 40
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	\$3,279 25
Appropriated to Culpeper Circuit.....	\$ 240 25
“ “ Sidney and Oregon.....	360 60
“ “ German Mission.....	540 00
“ “ Leesville Mission.....	90 00
“ “ Big Island.....	45 00
“ “ Williamsburg.....	180 00
“ “ Ettricks.....	180 00
“ “ Hampton.....	180 00
“ “ Second Street, Portsmouth.....	180 00
“ “ Berkley.....	360 00
“ “ Dare Mission.....	90 00
“ “ Clarksville.....	90 00
“ “ Ringgold and Bannister.....	135 00
“ “ Dan River.....	90 00
“ “ Piedmont.....	90 00
“ “ Wesleyan and Mineral Spring.....	135 00
“ “ King George.....	180 00
Paid for Record Book.....	1 20
Balance on hand.....	112 79
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	\$3,279 25

GEO. M. BAIN, JR., Treasurer.

November 23, 1871.



## XI.

# ASSESSMENTS FOR 1872.

### I. FOR CONFERENCE COLLECTION.

Richmond District.....	\$800 00	Petersburg District.....	\$600 00
Charlottesville " .....	640 00	Norfolk " .....	820 00
Lynchburg " .....	800 00	Rand. Macon " .....	700 00
Danville " .....	470 00	Eastern Shore " .....	320 00
Farmville " .....	670 00		
Murfreesboro " .....	780 00	Total.....	\$6,600 00

### 2. FOR SUPPORT OF BISHOPS.

Richmond District .....	\$200 00	Petersburg District.....	\$150 00
Charlottesville " .....	170 00	Norfolk " .....	200 00
Lynchburg " .....	200 00	Rand. Macon " .....	180 00
Danville " .....	130 00	Eastern Shore " .....	90 00
Farmville " .....	180 00		
Murfreesboro " .....	200 00	Total.....	\$1,700 00

### 3. FOR EDUCATIONAL FUND.

Richmond District.....	\$360 00	Petersburg District.....	\$300 00
Charlottesville " .....	300 00	Norfolk " .....	365 00
Lynchburg " .....	360 00	Rand. Macon " .....	300 00
Danville " .....	225 00	Eastern Shore " .....	150 00
Farmville " .....	300 00		
Murfreesboro " .....	340 00	Total.....	\$3,000 00

### 4. FOR MISSIONS.

Richmond District.....	\$1,200 00	Petersburg District.....	\$1,000 00
Charlottesville " .....	1,000 00	Norfolk " .....	1,200 00
Lynchburg " .....	1,000 00	Rand. Macon " .....	1,000 00
Danville " .....	800 00	Eastern Shore " .....	500 00
Farmville " .....	1,000 00		
Murfreesboro " .....	1,100 00	Total.....	\$10,000 00

A. G. BROWN,

Chairman Joint Board Finance.

R. W. WATTS, Sec'y.

PORTSMOUTH, Nov. 23, 1871.

## XII.

# CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.

### I.—TRAVELING MINISTERS.

The figures in the second column give the date of admission *on trial* in the traveling connection.

The letters denote, E—Elder; D—Deacon; P—Probationer; Sy—Supernumerary; Sd—Superannuated.

Those marked with an asterisk (\*) were not present during the session.

Where the State is not given the Postoffice is in Virginia.

NAMES.	ENTERED. ITINERANCY.	GRADE AND RELATION.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
1. Allen, Wm. E.	1859	E	Portsmouth.
2. Ames, Benjamin T.*	1858	E Sd	Locustville, Accomac county.
3. Amiss, Joseph H.	1854	E	Cambridge, Md.
4. Anderson, James M.	1857	E	Mechum's River, Albemarle county.
5. Armistead, Robert A.	1868	E	Portsmouth.
6. August, Peter F.	1846	E	Murfreesboro, N. C.
7. Bacon, Herbert T.	1865	E	Clarksville, Mecklenburg county.
8. Bain, Wm. F.	1851	E	Edge Hill, King George county.
9. Bayley, John	1840	E	Scottsville, Albemarle county.
10. Bayton, Thomas J.	1846	E	Lancaster Courthouse.
11. Beadles, Robert B.	1855	E	Gravel Hill, Buckingham county.
12. Beckham, Thomas M.*	1863	E	Burkeville.
13. Bennett, Wm. W.	1842	E	Richmond City.
14. Bingley, Chas. V.	1859	E	Petersburg.
15. Bishop, Milton L.	1848	E Sy	Lynchburg.
16. Blackwell, John D.	1846	E	Norfolk City.
17. Bledsoe, Adam C.	1861	E	Portsmouth.
18. Bledsoe, James W.	1869	E	Prospect, Prince Edward county.
19. Blincoe, James W.	1857	E	Lawrenceville, Brunswick county.
20. Blogg, Edward N. S.	1860	E	Baltimore, Maryland.
21. Boggs, Thomas H.	1855	E	Saluda, Middlesex county.
22. Booker, George E.	1859	E	Petersburg.
23. Bowles, Henry C.*	1860	E	Henry Courthouse.
24. Brannin, James F.	1845	E	Amissville, Rappahannock county.
25. Brown, Alexander G.	1853	E	Ashland, Hanover county.
26. Butts, Daniel G.	1870	P	Montross, Westmoreland county.
27. Campbell, Thomas S.*	1831	E Sy	Huntsville, Alabama.
28. Camper, Wm. H.*	1859	E Sy	Orange Courthouse
29. Carson, Joseph*	1805	E Sd	Culpeper Courthouse.
30. Carson, Robert I.*	1829	E Sy	Windsor, N. C.
31. Cheatham, Henry C.	1857	E	Hampton.
32. Christian, Wm. H.	1852	E	Manchester.
33. Clarke, Joseph S. R.	1839	E	Moore's Ordinary, Prince Edward co.
34. Cobb, Wm. R.	1868	D P	United States Navy.
35. Colonna, Major S.	1858	E	Hertford, N. C.

## CONFERENCE DIRECTORY—CONTINUED.

NAMES.	ENTERED ITINERANCY.	GRADE AND RELATION.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
36. Compton, James W.*	1860	E	Windsor, N. C.
37. Compton, Robert A.	1862	E	Liberty, Bedford county.
38. Connelly, James W.	1860	E	Smithfield, Isle of Wight county.
39. Cowles, Henry B.	1831	E	Lynchburg.
40. Crocker, Wm. A.*	1843	E	Heathsville, Northumberland county.
41. Crooks, Robert	1865	E	Yorktown.
42. Crown, James H.	1856	E	Barhamsville, New Kent county.
43. Dance, Mathew M.*	1812	E Sd	Meherrin Depot, Prince Edward co.
44. Daugherty, Beverly W.	1855	E	Edenton, N. C.
45. Davis, Joseph H.	1836	E	Hague, Westmoreland county.
46. Davis, Fielding A.	1837	E	Chesterfield Court House.
47. Devany, Benjamin*	1806	E Sd	Jerusalem, Southampton county.
48. Dey, John B.	1847	E	Cambridge, Md.
49. Diggs, Thomas	1843	E	Petersburg.
50. Duncan, James A.	1849	E	Ashland, Hanover county.
51. Duncan, Wm. W.	1859	E	Norfolk City.
52. Early, Thomas H.*	1859	E Sy	Lynchburg.
53. Edwards, John E.	1835	E	Richmond City.
54. Edwards, Wm. E.	1852	E	Lynchburg.
55. Edwards, Francis M.	1863	E	Farmville.
56. Edwards, Joseph J.	1869	E	Norfolk City.
57. Ferguson, Richard	1869	E	Prince George Court House.
58. Finnell, James F.*	1853	E	Amissville, Rappahannock county.
59. Fisher, James L.	1848	E	Gordonsville.
60. Garrett, Joshua L.	1866	E	Princess Anne Court House.
61. Garland, James P.	1858	E	Richmond City.
62. Garlick, John C.	1839	E Sd	Garysburg, N. C.
63. Gary, Hartwell H.	1839	E	Palmyra, Fluvanna county.
64. Gates, James E.	1871	E P	Montreal, Nelson county.
65. Gibbs, Esmond A.	1846	E	Kinsale, Westmoreland county.
66. Granbery, John C.	1848	E	Richmond City.
67. Gregory, Robert A.*	1844	E Sd	Lynchburg.
68. Gregory, Werter H.	1871	P	Clover Green, Spottsylvania county.
69. Guy, George N.	1861	E	Wilson's Depot, Dinwiddie county.
70. Hall, Alexander M.	1852	E	Williamsburg.
71. Hall, Chas. H.	1853	E	Petersburg.
72. Hank, Josiah D.	1866	E	Stevensville, King & Queen county.
73. Hannon, John	1871	P	Culpepper Court House.
74. Hansberger, Layton J.	1839	E	Concord, Campbell county.
75. Hebard, Edward	1871	E P	Norfolk City.
76. Hildrup, John W.	1866	E	Campbell Court House.
77. Hobday, Chas. E.	1867	E	Bowling Green, Caroline county.
78. Hodges, David F.	1867	E	Rocky Mount, Franklin county.
79. Howard, John W.	1845	E	Stanardsville, Greene county.
80. Hughes, James A.	1869	D	Charlotte Court House.
81. Hunter, Joshua S.	1870	D	Forest Depot, Bedford county.
82. Jamieson, James	1829	E	Danville.
83. Jett, Starke	1861	E	Heathsville, Northumberland county.
84. Johnson, B. H.*	1838	E	St. Tammany, Mecklenburg county.
85. Jordan, Wm. P.	1869	D P	Clover Hill, Chesterfield county.
86. Jordan, Edward M.	1869	D	Orange Court House.

## CONFERENCE DIRECTORY—CONTINUED.

NAMES.	ENTERED ITINERANCY.	GRADE AND RELATION.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
87. Jones, John W. F.*	1859	E	Davis' Mills, Bedford county.
88. Jones, John N.	1866	E	Culpeper Courthouse.
89. Judkins, Wm. E.	1853	E	Portsmouth.
90. Lafferty, John J.*	1857	E Sy	Lexington.
91. Lambeth, Samuel S.	1857	E	Elizabeth City, N. C.
92. Langhorne, George W.	1830	E	Petersburg.
93. Laurens, John B.	1853	E Sy	Petersburg.
94. Lear, Joseph	1834	E	Garysburg, N. C.
95. Lee, Leroy M.	1828	E	Ashland, Hanover county.
96. Linney, Henry M.	1842	E	Gordonsville.
97. Littleton, Oscar	1850	E	Onancock, Accomac county.
98. Lumpkin, Wm. G.	1854	E	Blacks & Whites, Nottoway county.
99. Lumpkin, James T.	1870	P	Penn's Store, Patrick county.
100. Lumsden, James D.	1838	E	Hampton.
101. Manning, Jacob	1839	E	Charlottesville.
102. Martiu, James C.	1859	E	Gloucester Courthouse.
103. Martin, Joseph E.	1862	E	Charlottesville.
104. McAden, James	1814	E Sy	South Hill, Mecklenburg county.
105. McClelland, John	1845	E	Surry Courthouse.
106. McGee, William	1843	E	Norfolk.
107. McMullan, Jeremiah	1850	E	Meadesville, Halifax county.
108. McSparran, James	1857	E	Hicksford, Greensville county.
109. Merritt, Joseph B.	1862	E	Amherst Courthouse.
110. Michaels, Robert	1836	E	Farmville.
111. Mitchell, Hezekiah P.	1854	E	Smithfield.
112. Mitchell, William E.	1871	P	Berlin, Maryland.
113. Moore, Lloyd	1852	E	Norfolk City.
114. Moorman, Sam'l T.*	1828	E Sd	Richmond City.
115. Moss, James O.	1856	E	Louisa Courthouse.
116. Nolley, George W.	1825	E	Ashland, Hanover county.
117. Norfleet, William J.	1840	E Sy	Norfolk City.
118. Payne, William E.	1869	D	Beaver Dam, Hanover county.
119. Peterson, Peter A.	1852	E	Norfolk City.
120. Peterson, Edward M.	1852	E	Richmond City.
121. Potts, Joseph E.	1853	E	Amelia Courthouse.
122. Pritchett, Edgar H.	1859	E	Culpeper Courthouse.
123. Proctor, Joseph A.	1852	E	Danville.
124. Proctor, Jacob H.	1857	E	Petersburg.
125. Ray, George H.	1853	E	Moore's Ordinary, Prince Edward co.
126. Reed, Lemuel S.	1849	E	Suffolk, Nansemond county.
127. Reed, James, C.	1868	E	Temperanceville, Accomac county.
128. Rhodes, John Q.	1869	D	
129. Riddick, James A.	1833	E	Stony Creek, Sussex county.
130. Riddick, Joseph H.	1854	E	Harrellsville, N. C.
131. Robbins, Wilbur F.	1862	E	Batesville, Albemarle county.
132. Robinson, William A.*	1851	E Sy	Pierce's, Goochland county.
133. Rosser, Leonidas	1840	E	Richmond City.
134. Rowe, John G.	1849	E	Bowling Green, Caroline county.
135. Rowzie, William B.	1829	E	Murfreesboro, N. C.
136. Saunders, John M.	1842	E	Liberty, Bedford county.
137. Shough, Jacob*	1839	E Sd	Patrick Courthouse.

## CONFERENCE DIRECTORY—CONTINUED.

NAMES.	ENTERED. ITINERANCY.	GRADE AND RELATION.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
138. Sledd, Robert N.	1857	E	Lynchburg.
139. Southall, John D.	1842	E	Mossing Ford, Charlotte county.
140. Spain, William W.	1859	E	Sunny Side, Cumberland County.
141. Spencer, James L.	1850	E Sy	Nottoway Courthouse.
142. Spiller, Benjamin C.*	1848	E Sy	Pierce's, Goochland county.
143. Starr, William G.	1865	E	Suffolk, Nansemond county.
144. Stewart, Alexander	1839	E Sd	Murfreesboro, N. C.
145. Taylor, Travis J.	1867	E	Dinwiddie Courthouse.
146. Taylor, Walter C.	1869	D	Harris' Creek, Amherst county.
147. Tennille, Benjamin F.	1867	E	Margarettsville, N. C.
148. Tucker, John W.	1861	E	Pittsylvania Courthouse.
149. Twitty, James F.	1871	P	Ballsville, Powhatan county.
150. Vaden, Wesley C.*	1861	E	Harmony, Halifax county.
151. Vanderslice, George C.	1859	E	Richmond City.
152. Waggener, James R.	1849	E	Ashland, Hanover county.
153. Walker, William W.	1846	E	Hague, Westmoreland county.
154. Wallace, David M.	1853	E	Boydton, Mecklenburg county.
155. Ware, Thomas A.	1848	E	Salisbury, Maryland.
156. Watson, James C.	1859	E	Brickland, Lunenburg county.
157. Watts, Robert W.	1857	E	Madison Courthouse.
158. Watts, Charles E.	1866	E	Franktown, Northampton county.
159. White, John W.	1828	E	Newsom's Depot, Southampton county.
160. White, Wm. T.	1859	E	Powellton, Brunswick county.
161. Whitehead, Paul	1853	E	Murfreesboro, N. C.
162. Wiles, Alfred	1848	E	Mathews Courthouse.
163. Wills, Davis P.	1846	E	Coman's Well, Sussex county.
164. Williams, Benj. M.*	1858	E Sd	Texas.
165. Williams, Wm. G.	1850	E	Curl's Wharf, Henrico county.
166. Williams, Thomas L.	1853	E	Elizabeth City, N. C.
167. Wilson, Edward P.	1842	E	Stony Creek, Sussex county.
168. Wise, Thomas P.	1863	E	New Kent Courthouse.
169. Woodward, Benjamin F.	1844	E	Richmond City.
170. Woodward, John P.	1853	E	Chuckatuck, Nansemond county.
171. Wright, Wm. P.	1867	E	Gatesville, N. C.
172. Wright, George M.	1869	D	King William Courthouse.

## CONFERENCE DIRECTORY—CONTINUED.

## II.—LAY DELEGATES TO THE SESSION OF 1871.

NAMES.	DISTRICT REPRESENTED.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
1. Bain, Geo. M., Jr.	Norfolk.	Portsmouth, Va.
2. Baker, Wm. E.	Rappahannock.	Montross, Westmoreland.
3. Bass, Thomas M.	Lynchburg.	Nebraska, Appomattox C. H., Va.
4. Beaman, Wm. P.	Murfreesboro.	Murfreesboro, N. C.
5. Brown, E. B.	Charlottesville.	Free Union, Albemarle county, Va.
6. Croxton, Dr. Wm. V.	Richmond.	New Kent Courthouse, Va.
7. Garrett, Thos. W.	Rappahannock.	King and Queen Courthouse, Va.
8. Gill, Wm. M.	Farmville.	Crimea, Dinwiddie Courthouse, Va.
9. Godwin, Jno. M.	Charlottesville.	Charlottesville, Va.
10. Grant, Rev. Wm.	Murfreesboro.	Jackson, N. C.
11. Hamlin, Thos. B.	Petersburg.	Ford's Depot, Dinwiddie county, Va.
12. Hinton, James W.	Norfolk.	Norfolk city, Va.
13. James, N. R.	Rappahannock.	Ashland, Hanover county.
14. Jefferson, Rev. J. A.	Petersburg.	Petersburg, Va.
15. Kilby, John R.	Murfreesboro.	Suffolk, Va.
16. Murray, H. W.	Charlottesville.	Louisa Courthouse, Va.
17. Palmer, L. J.	Farmville.	
18. Paul, D'Arcy	Petersburg.	Petersburg, Va.
19. Pettus, T. T.	Farmville.	Meherrin Depot, Va.
20. Smith, Robert	Danville.	Mt. Laurel, Halifax county, Va.
21. Snyder, Asa	Richmond.	Richmond city, Va.
22. Stratton, A. B.	Lynchburg.	Lynchburg, Va.
23. Stubbs, Jeff. W.	Richmond.	Gloucester Courthouse, Va.
24. Turner, W. H.	Charlottesville.	Batesville, Albemarle county, Va.
25. Turner, C. B.	Petersburg.	
26. Walford, T. L. D.	Richmond.	Richmond, Va.
27. Webb, Wm. W.	Farmville.	Lunenburg Courthouse, Va.
28. Westcoat, Benjamin	Norfolk.	
29. Whidbee, James M.	Murfreesboro.	Elizabeth City, N. C.
30. Whitehead, Thos.	Lynchburg.	Amherst Courthouse, Va.
31. Whitehurst, F. M.	Norfolk.	Princess Anne Courthouse, Va.
32. Willis, Wm. Jr.	Richmond.	Richmond, Va.



## CONFERENCE DIRECTORY—CONTINUED.

## III.—LOCAL MINISTERS.

Where the State is not given the Post Office is in Virginia.

NAMES.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
1. Adams, R. E. G.....	Amelia Court-House.
2. Albertson, Joshua.....	Lambsburg, Carroll county, N. C.
3. Allen, Samuel C.....	Lynchburg.
4. Ammons, Wm. M.....	Richmond city.
5. Archer, Allen L.....	Petersburg.
6. Arnold, Joseph D.....	Danville.
7. Arnest, John.....	Hague, Westmoreland county.
8. Atwell, Wm. H.....	Brown's Store, Northumberland county.
9. Ayres, Thomas E.....	Baltimore, Md.
10. Baily, James.....	Petersburg.
11. Bain, George M.....	Portsmouth.
12. Barnett, E. D.....	Cambridge, Md.
13. Barnes, James H.....	Amelia Court-House.
14. Bashaw, John W.....	Culpeper Court-House.
15. Beach, Wm. B.....	Gogginsville, Franklin county.
16. Blackwell, John C.....	Gravel Hill, Buckingham county.
17. Boggs, Charles H.....	Ayletts, King and Queen county.
18. Boyd, John H.....	Reams', Dinwiddie county.
19. Bouldin, R. E.....	Aspinwall, Charlotte county.
20. Brent, Wm.....	Kilmarnock, Lancaster county.
21. Bristoe, J. E.....	Rich Square, N. C.
22. Britton, Flisha.....	Jackson, N. C.
23. Buckner, B. M.....	Bumpass Station, Louisa county.
24. Campbell, Thos. H.....	Sandidges, Amherst county.
25. Carter, Wm.....	Boydton, Mecklenburg county.
26. Carey, Elijah B.....	Berlin, Worcester county, Md.
27. Cavendy, Edward.....	Portsmouth.
28. Chamberlayne, Nelson.....	South Mills, N. C.
29. Chamberlayne John L.....	South Mills, N. C.
30. Claiborne, John G.....	Kennedy's Store, Brunswick county.
31. Clarke, William G.....	Union Mills, Fluvana county.
32. Cottrell, Charles.....	Petersburg.
33. Covington, T. S. D.....	Burgess Store, Northumberland county.
34. Cox, Newton H.....	London Bridge, Princess Anne county.
35. Crawley, James D.....	Farmville, Prince Edward county.
36. Creasy, Walter S.....	Mount Airy, Surry county, N. C.
37. Crismond, J. P. H.....	Spottsylvania Court-House.
38. Crostick, James L.....	Genito, Powhatan county.
39. Crowder, James A.....	Suffolk, Nansemond county.
40. Crowder, Joseph A.....	Buckingham Court-House.
41. Dameron, William H.....	Smoky Ordinary, Brunswick county.
42. Darden, J. C.....	Smithfield.
43. Dear, Luther.....	Norfolk city.
44. Dewitt, Elisha.....	Big Island, Bedford county.
45. Dunkley, Richard.....	Omega, Halifax county.
46. Dunn, Thomas R.....	Trevallians, Louisa county.
47. Drumwright, Thomas J.....	Wakefield, Isle of Wight county.
48. Edwards, Alpheus L.....	Norwood, Nelson county.
49. Elliot, J. W.....	Locust Mount, Accomac county.
50. Evans, William.....	Burgess Store, Northumberland county.
51. Ferebee, Samuel.....	Indian Ridge, N. C.
52. Ferebee, George E.....	London Bridge, Princess Anne county.

## CONFERENCE DIRECTORY—CONTINUED.

## LOCAL MINISTERS.

NAMES.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
53. Finch, J. E.....	Boydton, Mecklenburg county.
54. Finch, Adam.....	Christiansville, Mecklenburg county.
55. Fleury, Thomas D.....	Norfolk city.
56. Flythe, Jessie.....	Jackson, N. C.
57. Forbes, John.....	Mount Carmel, Halifax county.
58. Fortune Joel.....	Howardsville, Albemarle county.
59. Friend, Charles W.....	Proctor's Creek, Chesterfield county.
60. Fulton, Thomas.....	Concord, Campbell county.
61. Garrett, William.....	Oak Forrest, Cumberland county.
62. Gordon, William H.....	Ballsville, Powhatan county.
63. Gosee, F. A.....	Reams', Dinwiddie county.
64. Grant, William.....	Jackson, N. C.
65. Guy, Lewis A.....	Curl's Wharf, Henrico county.
66. Hall, Byrd J.....	Whitmell, Pittsylvania county.
67. Hall, John.....	Palmyra, Fluvanna county.
68. Halstead, Hardy H.....	Blossom Hill, Princess Anne county.
69. Halstead, Adams.....	Kempsville, Princess Anne county.
70. Harrison, John.....	Land of Promise, Princess Anne county.
71. Harrison, James W.....	Petersburg.
72. Harrison, Zacariah E.....	Gordonsville.
73. Harwell, Robt. B.....	Petersburg.
74. Hawks, Edward.....	Wellville, Nottoway county.
75. Hayes, Thos. W.....	Winton, Hertford county, N. C.
76. Herndon, John.....	Whitmell, Pittsylvania county.
77. Hope, Herbert M.....	Ashland, Hanover county.
78. Hopkins, Edward.....	Hampton, Elizabeth City county.
79. Howard, Pleasant.....	Seven Islands, Fluvanna county.
80. Hoyle, Thos. L.....	Madison Court-House.
81. Humphreys, J. E.....	Pungoteague, Accomac county.
82. Jackson, J. E.....	Manchester.
83. Jarvis, B. H.....	Poplar Branch, Currituck county, N. C.
84. Jefferson, John A.....	Petersburg.
85. Jefferson, James H.....	Burgess Store, Pittsylvania county.
86. Jones, James.....	Kennedy's Store, Brunswick county.
87. Jordan, James P.....	Smithfield, Isle of Wight county.
88. Jordan, Costen.....	Sunbury, Gates county, N. C.
89. Keaton, Thomas.....	Elizabeth City, N. C.
90. Kennedy, Wm. W.....	Elizabeth City, N. C.
91. Kirby, John W.....	Reams', Dinwiddie county.
92. Knot, William.....	Portsmouth.
93. Lumpkin, James J.....	Chalk Level, Pittsylvania county.
94. Leary, Joseph.....	Coleraine, Bertie county, N. C.
95. Lecato, L. K.....	Locustville, Accomac county.
96. Lee, R. A.....	Leesville, Campbell county.
97. Long, Wm. E.....	Kilmarnoch, Lancaster county.
98. Martin, Jas. G.....	North Landing, Norfolk county.
99. Maynard, Jas. H.....	Ashland, Hanover county.
100. McDonald, James.....	Mount Landing, Essex county.
101. McGilvray, W. B.....	Manchester.
102. McKenney, Saml. B.....	London Bridge, Princess Anne county.
103. Moore, John T.....	Ashland, Hanover county.
104. Moorman, John I.....	Castle Craig, Campbell county.
105. Morgan, Seth.....	Elizabeth City, N. C.
106. Mullen, Robert H.....	Richmond city.
107. Mullan, Saml. H.....	Lynchburg.

## CONFERENCE DIRECTORY—CONTINUED.

## LOCAL MINISTERS.

NAMES.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
108. Newsom, Thomas M.....	Henry, Sussex county.
109. Oldham Montcalm.....	Temperanceville, Accomac county.
110. Oneel, Isaac.....	Manteo, Dare county, N. C.
111. Owen, Benjamin H.....	Portsmouth.
112. Parham, G. W. S.....	Poplar Mount, Greenville county.
113. Parrish, John W.....	Howardsville, Albemarle county.
114. Pascoe, John L.....	Burford's Summit, Amherst county.
115. Peace, Willis H.....	Jonesboro', Brunswick county.
116. Peatross, Robert S.....	Hanover Court-House.
117. Petherbridge, Chas. W.....	Richmond city.
118. Pitts, John R.....	Berlin, Worcester county, Md.
119. Pitts, Robert.....	New Ark, Dorchester county, Md.
120. Poulton, John F.....	Warrenton.
121. Pryor, Hartwell T.....	Big Island, Bedford county.
122. Rawlings, Nicholas.....	Powellton, Brunswick county.
123. Richardson, P.....	Barhamsville, New Kent county.
124. Robinson, E C.....	Amelia Court-House.
125. Ross, Charles R.....	Charlottesville.
126. Rowlett, James D.....	Chester, Chesterfield county.
127. Rowlett, Thomas W.....	Chula, Amelia county.
128. Rucker, Wm G.....	Lynchburg.
129. Sale, Augustus W.....	Richmond city.
130. Sanford, Robert J.....	Kinsale, Westmoreland county.
131. Saunders, R. M.....	Norfolk city.
132. Scott, Frank W.....	Ruther Glenn, Caroline county.
133. Schroaff, Chas. M.....	Madison Court-House.
134. Shane, Richard.....	Portsmouth.
135. Shackford, John W.....	Walkerton, King and Queen county.
136. Shackford, Joseph.....	St. Stephens, King and Queen county.
137. Shield, John W.....	Yorktown, York county.
138. Smith, Joseph.....	Belvidere, Perquimans county, N. C.
149. Smith, Edwin.....	Suffolk, Nansemond county.
140. Smith, James.....	Heathsville, Northumberland county.
141. Spiers, James A.....	Ashland, Hanover county.
142. Spiers, Jessie.....	Reams', Dinwiddie county.
143. Stevens, Richard.....	Verdersville, Orange county.
144. Strawhand, J. E.....	Princess Anne Court-House.
145. Stroud, Thos. B.....	Petersburg.
146. Sweeney, Mordecai.....	Reams', Dinwiddie county.
147. Synco, John W.....	Petersburg.
148. Thomas, Geo. E.....	Haywoods, Mathews county.
159. Thomas, Allen J.....	Point Easton, Caroline county.
150. Thrift, Schuyler L.....	Norfolk city.
151. Travers, Levi D.....	Taylor's Island, Md.
152. Trimyer, George W.....	Yorktown, York county.
153. Twiford, O. P.....	Pungoteague, Accomac county.
154. Vaden, Michael.....	Winterpock, Chesterfield county.
155. Varner, Washington.....	Ashland, Hanover county.
156. Warwick, Benj. P.....	Petersburg.
157. Wingfield, Nathan A.....	Amherst Court-House.
158. White, Jas. M.....	Rosedale, Pasquotank county.
169. Whitehead, Willis.....	Belvidere, Perquimans county, N. C.
160. Whittington, James W.....	Lambsburg, Carroll county, N. C.
161. Wright, Luther.....	Milford, Caroline county.

## XIII.

# FINANCIAL PLAN

*Of the Virginia Conference.*

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## SECTION I.

### OF THE JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

I. The Joint Board of Finance, composed of one Clerical member of the Conference, and one Layman from each Presiding Elder's district, shall meet at each session of the Annual Conference.

II. The members of this Board shall be appointed by the Presiding Bishop, at the close of the Conference session, and shall hold their office until the close of the next ensuing Annual Conference session.

III. They shall elect their own Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer; and shall fill all vacancies that may occur in the Board; *provided*, they keep up an equal number of Clerical and Lay members.

IV. It shall be the duty of the Joint Board:

1. To receive the Conference collection and distribute the same to the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of deceased Clerical members of the Conference; according to their judgment of their several necessities.

2. To estimate the amount that will be probably necessary to meet the claims of the superannuated preachers, and widows and orphan children of deceased clerical members of the Conference, and apportion the same to the Presiding Elder's Districts, for collection the ensuing year. This apportionment shall be made *per capita*. In like manner they shall apportion the amount assessed upon the Conference for the support of the Bishops.

3. They shall receive the money collected for the support of the Bishops, and pay over the same to the Bishop presiding at the Conference, and take his receipt, and forward it, or a copy thereof, to the *Book Agent*.

4. They shall receive and carefully examine the Recording Steward's reports and keep an accurate record of the same, and take such action thereon, as may be deemed prudent, in order to improve the financial condition of the church, and secure uniformity in the methods, and fidelity in the execution, of the duties of stewards.

5. They shall decide all issues that may exist between the stewards and the Presiding Elder or any of the preachers, in relation to salaries, and their decision shall be final,\* but in no case shall they allow any preacher to have a claim on the church he has served, as of debt, after his pastoral connection with them has ceased.

6. All matters relating to the financial interests of the Conference shall be referred to this board and be carefully considered by them.

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\*They have no jurisdiction over the assessments of the District Stewards, but as an appellate tribunal for all issues that may exist between the Stewards and the Presiding Elders, or any of the Preachers in relation to salaries. (See Episcopal Decision, page 13.)

7. The members of this Board, and especially the Chairman thereof shall carefully consider the financial interests of the Conference during the year, and shall collect such authentic information in regard to the usual claimants on the conference funds as shall facilitate the business of the Board at its annual meetings.

8. They shall make a full report of all their proceedings to the Conference, which shall approve, recommit or amend their report.

## SECTION II.

### OF THE DISTRICT STEWARDS.

I. The District Stewards (see Discipline pages 53 and 100) shall assemble as soon as practicable after the adjournment of the Annual Conference. The time and place of the meeting shall be fixed by the Presiding Elder. They shall elect their own Chairman and Secretary.

II. It shall be the duty of this board to estimate the salary and traveling expenses of the Presiding Elder, having due regard to what, in their judgment, may be necessary to place him and his family (if a man of family) in such circumstances of comfort and protection as will enable him to serve the Church to the full extent of the requirements of the Discipline.

III. They shall apportion this amount, and the amounts assessed upon the District for the Conference collection and Bishop's fund, to the several charges of the district, according to their judgment of their relative abilities.

IV. They shall require the Secretary to keep an accurate record of their proceedings.

## SECTION III.

### OF THE STEWARDS ON THE CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.

I. The Stewards on Circuits and Stations shall assemble as soon as practicable after the adjournment of the annual meeting of the Board of District Stewards. The time and place of their meeting shall be fixed by the Fourth Quarterly Conference of the preceeding year, or in default thereof, by the preacher in charge. They shall elect their own Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer; provided that the office of Secretary and Treasurer may be filled by the Recording Steward.

II. It shall be the duty of the Board thus organized—

1. To estimate the salary and traveling expenses of their pastor, having due regard to what, in their judgment, may be necessary to place him and his family (if a man of family) in such circumstances of comfort and protection as will enable him to serve the Church to the full extent of the requirements of the Discipline.

2. To ascertain from their representative, in the District Steward's meeting, (or if he should be absent from any other reliable source,) the assessment upon their charge for the support of the Presiding Elder.

3. To apportion the aggregate of these amounts to the several societies of their charge, according to their judgment of the equitable portion of each.

4. They shall report their action to the ensuing Quarterly Conference, which shall approve, re-commit, or amend their report; provided, that when approved by the Quarterly Conference, it shall be the assessment for that year.

5. They shall, as soon thereafter as practicable, inform their respective societies of the amount assessed upon them.

6. They shall report at each session of the Quarterly Conference the collections made in their respective societies, and pay over the same to the parties having claims thereon, *pro rata*, first deducting the necessary traveling expenses.

7. They shall keep the assessments for the Conference collection and Bishop's fund separate, and shall co-operate with the preachers in charge in raising these amounts by public collections in their several congregations, or by private subscriptions and donations.

8. Where there is no parsonage belonging to their charge, they shall take the necessary steps, as early as the fourth quarterly meeting of each year, to secure a comfortable home for their coming pastor; and in estimating his salary, they shall include the amount necessary to pay the rent thereof.\*

9. It shall be the especial duty of the Chairman of each Board to consider the financial interest of his charge, to visit the different societies thereof, when necessary, to remind them of their Scriptural obligations to support the ministry, and to use every effort in his power to promote the financial prosperity of the charge.

10. The Recording Steward shall forward to the Joint Board of Finance of the Annual Conference, a full account of the assessments made upon his charge, the amounts received on the assessments, the disbursements of the same, and the deficiencies, if any exist. He shall also forward annually, a full account of all collections for missions, to the Treasurer of the Annual Conference Missionary Board, and shall transmit all moneys collected during the year, for Missions, Conference Collection, and Bishops' fund, to the Treasurer thereof, by the preacher in charge.

## SECTION IV.

### OF CHURCH CONFERENCES.

I. A Church Conference shall be held in each society as soon as practicable after the adjournment of the First Quarterly Conference, whose duty it shall be to appoint a committee of not less than three, nor more than five of its most judicious members, to apportion the amount assessed upon the society, among the members thereof.

II. This committee shall report their action to the Church Conference at this, or an adjourned meeting of the same, which shall approve, recommit, or amend their report; provided, that when approved by the Church Conference it shall be considered an equitable assessment, and shall be morally binding upon the membership of the society.

III. The Secretary of the Church Conference shall furnish the Steward or Stewards of the Society, with a true copy of the assessments, whose duty it shall be to divide them into weekly, or monthly, or quarterly installments, and collect the same as promptly as possible.

IV. The Stewards may appoint collectors to assist them in this work. They may, also, adopt the envelope system, which, in many places, both on our circuits and stations, has proven a very convenient and efficient auxiliary to the Stewardship.

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\*Where the parsonage belongs to the church, the Stewards should fix the fair rental value thereof, and report the same as so much paid on the salary of their Pastor.



V. If a member should fail or refuse to pay his assessment, the Steward shall endeavor to make up the amount by voluntary contributions; provided, however, that he shall report the facts in the case to the next session of the Church Conference.

VI. The Church Conference may adopt such measures, in all such cases, as they may deem proper, subject only to the law of the church.

## SECTION V.

### OF PRESIDING ELDERS' REPORTS.

It shall be the duty of the Presiding Elders of the several Districts to present written reports at each session of the Annual Conference, showing:

1. The condition of the finances of their respective Districts.
2. The manner in which the financial plans of the Discipline and of the Conference have been executed.
3. Whether any neglect of duty is chargeable on the ministers or lay-officials.

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## XIV.

### MODE OF APPOINTING DELEGATES TO THE DISTRICT AND ANNUAL CONFERENCES.

The first or second Quarterly Conference of each pastoral charge shall elect three male members of the Church to represent such pastoral charge in the District Conference: and these representatives, when assembled in the District Conference, shall elect, by ballot, four delegates (one of whom may be a local preacher) to represent the District in the ensuing Annual Conference: Provided that the delegates so elected shall be twenty-five years of age, and shall have been members of the M. E. Church, South, for six years next preceding their election.

## XV.

# PLAN OF THE PREACHERS' EDUCATIONAL FUND SOCIETY.

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I. That a board of Managers consisting of five ministers and four laymen, to be located in the city of Richmond, and known under the name and title of The Board of Managers of the Young Preachers' Educational Fund of the Virginia Conference, (empowered to elect its own officers, and fill vacancies in the interval of the Conference), be elected by this Conference, whose duty it shall be to hold all the funds raised for the education of young men called to the work of the ministry, and looking to admittance into the Virginia Conference, and apply the same as their wisdom and judgment may direct for the benefit of such young men as may be placed under their care, as hereinafter provided.

II. That the preachers in charge of all our circuits and stations be earnestly requested, as far as practicable, to organize societies in their respective charges, embracing, *especially*, the *ladies and children* of our congregations, for the purpose of raising funds to aid in this work, and that in lieu of such organizations, such other proper methods and devices as may promise the greatest results, be employed for raising money, and that all the funds thus raised by the preachers and others be remitted to the Treasurer of the Board.

III. That the editor of the *Richmond Christian Advocate* be requested to keep a *standing appeal* in his columns in behalf of this association, with the request that all funds donated for this object, outside of the plan above suggested, be remitted to the Treasurer of the Board.

IV. That the Board shall not be allowed to use the funds thus raised for any other object than in assisting such young men as may be turned over to their care, either by this Conference or by the Quarterly Conferences, under the endorsement and recommendation of the Presiding Elders, after satisfactory evidence that the candidate is called to the work and office of the ministry, and looks to admittance into the Virginia Conference as an itinerant minister.

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## XVI.

# SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF THE PREACHERS OF THE VIRGINIA CONFERENCE, THEIR FAMILIES, &c.

### I.—ACT OF INCORPORATION.

I. That John R. Kilby, of Suffolk, Virginia; Jesse J. Yeates and the Rev. Paul Whitehead, of Murfreesboro, North Carolina; James L. B. Hathaway, of Edenton, North Carolina; Rev. Alexander G. Brown, of Lynchburg, Virginia;

Joseph C. Deming, of Norfolk, Virginia; Asa Snyder, of Richmond, Virginia, and George M. Bain, Jr., of Portsmouth, Virginia, and their successors in office, be, and they are hereby made a body corporate and politic, by the name of "The Society for the Relief of the Preachers of the Virginia Conference Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and their Families, their Widows and Orphans," and by that name may hold property, real and personal, to an amount not exceeding two hundred thousand dollars; and may sue and be sued, and have a common seal.

II. That the said corporation shall have power to receive subscriptions in money, or other things, and may receive donations by will, or otherwise, for the purpose of said corporation, and invest, or otherwise dispose of and use the same for the promotion of the objects of said corporation.

III. The annual meeting of said corporation shall be held in the town of Murfreesboro, in the State of North Carolina, at such time as the Directors of said corporation shall determine; but called meetings of said Directors may be held at such other places, in or out of State of North Carolina, as may be desired.

IV. Until otherwise ordered by the corporation, the officers shall be a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and the office of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined in one person, who may be a Director, or some other person, as the Directors may select.

V. The said corporation shall have power to purchase endowments, annuities, and make insurances on lives, for the benefit of said corporation, or any of its beneficiaries.

VI. The said corporation shall have power to make such by-laws, and rules and regulations for its government, and the management and disposition of its funds, as from time to time may be deemed proper; and until such regulations shall be made, and otherwise direct, the Rev. Paul Whitehead shall be the President, and John R. Kilby the Secretary and Treasurer of said corporation.

VII. The said corporation shall have not less than five, nor more than nine Directors, from whom the President shall annually be chosen by the Directors, which Directors shall hold until their successors are appointed and enter on the duties of their office.

VIII. The said Directors shall be annually be chosen by the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and a certificate of whose appointment shall be furnished them, and which shall be entered on the records of the said corporation, two of which Directors, at least, shall reside in North Carolina.

IX. The said corporation shall keep a record of their proceedings, and of all moneys received, and how disposed of, which shall at all times be subject to the inspection of the said Conference.

X. This charter shall continue in force for ninety years, and may be extended at the pleasure of the General Assembly of North Carolina.

## II.—BY-LAWS.

1. The annual meeting of said society shall be held in Murfreesboro, North Carolina, on the 23d day of February in each year.

2. Called meetings of said society may be had at any time or place, on the call of the President or Secretary of said society, or any two of the Directors.

3. Any three of the Directors shall constitute a quorum for transacting the business of the society.

4. The Directors shall at their annual meeting, or as soon thereafter as may be practicable, elect a President, and Secretary and Treasurer.

5. The Directors of said society, to be elected annually by the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, shall enter upon the discharge of their duties on the 23d day of February, annually.

6. The President, Directors, Secretary and Treasurer shall hold office for one year, and until their successors are elected and enter on the duties of their office.

7. The Secretary shall keep the proceedings of the society in a well-bound book, and carry on such correspondence and discharge all other duties pertaining to his office.

8. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys, and invest the same for the said society in United States Government Bonds, the interest payable in gold, and shall make a report of his transactions to the society at their annual meeting in February; and shall also prepare a statement, showing the general condition of said society, and present the same to any meeting of the society that may be held at the session of said Conference; or if no such meeting, then to the Conference; and shall keep his accounts in suitable books, subject to the inspection of the Directors at all times, and shall make such investment of the funds as the Directors may order.

9. The income of said society shall from time to time be applied by said Directors to the objects of said society, as provided for in their charter; and the said Conference and its Finance Committee are requested to make such recommendations to said society for aid, as to the said Conference and Committee may seem proper.

10. The Treasurer shall proceed, without delay, to bring the objects of the society before the public for subscription and aid, in such manner as he may deem proper, and to request the earnest co-operation of the friends of the society.

11. The officers of the society shall be a President, Secretary and Treasurer, and the offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person, who may be a Director or some other person.

## XVII.

# STATISTICS OF THE VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

*From 1845 to 1871 inclusive.*

YEAR.	Trav. Pr's.	Local Preachers.	White Members.	Colored Members.	Total Ministers and Members.	Missionary Collection.	Conference Collection.
1845.....	103	No rep	26,426	4,949	31,375	\$ 4,300	\$ 851
1846.....	104	166	26,868	5,192	32,226	3,403	2,322
1847.....	101	165	28,292	5,691	34,148	4,432	2,256
1848.....	117	182	29,565	5,913	35,660	6,750	2,449
1849.....	117	184	30,938	5,891	37,013	8,151	2,688
1850.....	124	189	31,166	6,312	37,667	8,586	3,280
1851.....	132	179	32,705	6,597	39,481	8,500	3,588
1852.....	139	190	32,803	6,597	39,590	7,344	4,214
1853.....	149	193	32,732	6,250	39,175	13,604	6,561
1854.....	154	195	32,949	6,294	39,438	13,438	5,250
1855.....	156	186	33,461	6,587	40,254	12,503	5,889
1856.....	154	205	34,502	6,483	41,190	17,234	6,619
1857.....	168	185	34,743	5,634	40,562	17,500	6,510
1858.....	178	198	37,978	7,011	45,195	21,444	7,316
1859.....	185	216	40,376	7,753	48,345	.....	.....
1860.....	198	174	40,159	7,567	47,900	20,338	8,033
1861.....	189	198	38,300	6,880	45,378	.....	6,024
1862.....	189	183	37,950	6,394	45,067	.....	15,714
1863.....	196	138	28,360	3,173	31,671	54,592	24,122
1864.....	188	118	30,594	2,477	33,189	61,081	34,350
1865.....	186	150	33,370	1,683	35,203	2,903	2,526
1866.....	189	171	34,843	1,212	36,226	.....	3,338
1867.....	166	154	36,006	1,021	37,181	4,137	3,520
1868.....	172	147	35,903	897	36,994	3,106	3,353
1869.....	164	153	38,897	815	39,865	4,731	4,018
1870.....	165	150	39,425	937	40,512	4,742	3,813
1871.....	171	162	41,555	525	42,613	5,537	4,825

# APPENDIX.

## METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

### I.—Organization.

The Convention of Delegates from the Southern and Southwestern Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, viz: Kentucky, Missouri, Holston, Tennessee, North Carolina, Memphis, Arkansas, Virginia, Mississippi, Texas, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, Florida, and Indian Mission,—elected on the basis of the Plan of Separation adopted by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, on the 8th of January, 1844, assembled in the city of Louisville, Ky., on the 1st day of May, A. D., 1845, and by a vote of *nintey-four to three*, dissolved the jurisdiction hitherto exercised over the said Annual Conferences by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and constituted the said Annual Conferences a separate ecclesiastical connection, to be known by the style and title of the *Methodist Episcopal Church, South*.

### II.—Comparative Progress.

YEAR.	Traveling Preachers.	Superan'td Preachers.	Local Preachers.	White Members.	Colored Members.	Indian Members.	Total Min- isters and Members.
1845.....	1,384	90	2,550	330,710	124,811	2,978	462,423
1846.....	1,433	86	2,833	327,284	124,961	2,972	459,567
1847.....	1,403	97	3,143	334,859	127,249	3,445	470,194
1848.....	1,476	108	3,026	345,258	134,153	3,375	496,396
1849.....	1,538	104	3,896	366,582	134,722	3,226	510,069
1850.....	1,582	118	3,955	375,520	135,594	3,487	520,256
1851.....	1,659	126	3,044	387,954	138,113	3,327	534,223
1852.....	1,741	124	4,455	392,856	146,949	3,044	549,171
1853.....	1,803	142	4,328	415,297	154,264	3,691	579,525
1854.....	1,942	150	4,359	428,511	164,584	3,757	603,303
1855.....	2,078	157	4,628	447,372	170,150	3,613	627,992
1856.....	2,171	163	4,660	460,160	173,067	3,486	643,708
1857.....	2,267	167	4,907	466,661	177,919	3,856	655,777
1858.....	2,414	163	4,984	499,694	188,141	3,874	699,169
1859.....	2,494	167	5,177	511,601	197,348	4,236	721,023
1860.....	2,615	169	5,353	537,136	207,766	4,160	757,205
1866.....	2,314	171	3,769	419,404	78,742	701	505,101
1867.....	2,389	192	3,952	472,484	54,172	1,851	535,040
1868.....	2,495	179	4,413	503,596	32,085	2,301	545,069
1869.....	2,646	187	4,753	540,820	19,686	3,149	571,241
1870.....	2,725	187	4,714	561,577	13,263	3,952	586,418

In the foregoing table no account is taken of the years from 1861 to 1865, inclusive. During that period of civil war some of the Annual Conferences were disorganized, and many were interrupted in their operations to such an extent that they furnished no official returns, and, therefore, the numbers cannot be given. The heavy decrease appearing in 1866 was owing to the transfer of about 200,000 of our colored members to other Churches, principally those under the government of their own race.



### III.—STATISTICS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH, FOR 1870.

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CONFERENCES.	Trav'g Pr'ch's	Sup'ted Pr'ch's.	Local Pr'ch's.	White Memb's	Col. Memb's	Indian Memb's	To. M'rs & Mb's.	Infants Ba't'z'd	Adults Ba't'z'd	Sunday schools.	S. S. Teach's	S. S. Schol's.	Coll'ct'n for Con. C'm'n's	Coll'ct'n for Missions.
1 Baltimore .....	163	5	104	21,616	133	.....	22,021	1380	1071	350	2858	17,985	\$2496 38	\$5858 20
2 Virginia .....	153	11	150	39,425	937	.....	40,675	1050	1757	539	5322	28,443	3812 68	4208 91
3 Western Virginia .....	45	3	85	10,860	22	.....	11,015	198	535	146	1139	6,040	220 51	272 92
4 Holston .....	116	7	221	29,473	190	82	30,089	1147	1340	388	2646	18,044	857 25	1853 30
5 North Carolina .....	134	6	221	46,051	1,205	.....	47,617	1398	1866	597	3703	24,818	2138 88	2111 95
6 South Carolina .....	124	9	131	32,240	1,536	.....	34,040	1511	1670	386	2502	15,837	3791 85	2909 68
7 North Georgia .....	138	12	395	42,121	851	.....	43,517	1186	2610	452	3378	22,795	4924 38	7137 32
8 South Georgia .....	109	18	216	23,147	653	.....	24,143	843	1606	293	1916	12,843	4380 27	7749 24
9 Florida .....	49	1	78	7,062	54	.....	7,244	348	498	88	488	2,814	654 01	950 58
10 Alabama .....	122	15	208	23,564	752	.....	24,661	1621	992	262	1823	12,123	5156 00	4998 50
11 North Alabama .....	101	6	259	22,460	188	.....	23,014	559	1630	261	1386	9,952	1154 95	2010 36
12 Louisiana .....	64	5	99	9,044	2,343	.....	11,555	726	720	76	608	3,827	2270 80	4663 25
13 Mississippi .....	104	7	146	15,385	520	.....	16,162	892	1064	149	822	5,942	2802 60	1116 60
14 North Mississippi .....	110	10	190	21,757	58	.....	22,125	746	1491	200	1112	8,072	1757 25	1486 05
15 Memphis .....	100	10	261	25,177	30	.....	25,578	621	1604	244	1786	11,984	1285 80	2402 50
16 Tennessee .....	155	7	302	33,789	173	.....	34,426	654	2408	320	2039	15,381	2108 05	5509 16
17 Kentucky .....	90	7	114	17,313	225	.....	17,749	304	1190	130	947	6,216	1876 05	4983 23
18 Louisville .....	103	8	186	25,398	262	.....	25,957	655	1326	175	1135	9,449	1852 90	4074 75
19 St. Louis .....	103	6	204	20,364	243	.....	20,920	896	1343	173	1313	10,451	2826 00	6512 00
20 Missouri .....	97	5	119	20,098	133	.....	20,452	536	1577	180	1339	8,862	2031 10	3810 33
21 Western .....	24	1	11	1,538	133	37	1,744	41	187	19	132	985	163 50	236 75
22 Indian Mission .....	17	.....	54	139	437	3833	4,480	472	651	12	35	372	.....	386 95
23 Arkansas .....	48	1	86	7,853	35	.....	8,023	241	389	71	417	2,808	235 85	1090 65
24 White River .....	43	.....	90	8,249	163	.....	8,545	238	483	93	461	3,040	251 65	1073 87
25 Little Rock .....	70	4	138	13,075	.....	.....	13,287	449	867	159	836	5,448	1903 75	3543 95
26 Trinity .....	50	10	149	10,652	1,776	.....	12,637	538	1048	86	373	4,065	1132 00	1000 00
27 East Texas .....	35	1	100	7,496	.....	.....	7,632	347	486	49	186	1,955	784 70	528 65
28 Texas .....	55	6	77	4,957	39	.....	5,134	313	291	38	298	1,917	385 00	2441 06
29 North-west Texas .....	48	2	159	8,474	.....	.....	8,683	372	664	50	285	2,024	528 00	1843 15
30 West Texas .....	30	2	41	3,193	172	.....	3,438	206	261	43	227	1,621	465 00	785 50
31 Los Angeles .....	11	.....	10	475	.....	.....	496	19	29	3	16	120	6 75	85 00
32 Pacific .....	47	2	46	3,139	.....	.....	3,234	247	218	49	323	2,109	575 90	620 00
33 Columbia .....	18	.....	16	1,073	.....	.....	1,107	50	80	9	40	305	.....	152 50
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	WHERE.	WHEN.	CONFERENCE.	WHEN.			WHERE.	WHEN.	
Joshua Soule.....	Maine.....	1781	New York.....	1799	1801	1803	Baltimore.....	1824	Died in Tenn., March, 1867.
James O. Andrew.....	Georgia.....	1794	South Carolina...	1812	1814	1816	Philadelphia.....	1832	Died in Mobile, March, 1871.
William Capers.....	South Carolina	1790	South Carolina...	1808	1310	1812	Petersburg.....	1846	Died in S. Carolina, Jan., 55.
Robert Paine.....	North Carolina	1799	Tennessee.....	1818	1822	1824	Petersburg.....	1846	Residence, Aberdeen, Miss.
Henry B. Bascom.....	New York.....	1796	Ohio.....	1813	1815	1817	St. Louis.....	1850	Died in Kentucky, Sep. 1850.
George F. Pierce.....	Georgia.....	1811	Georgia.....	1830	1832	1834	Columbus, Ga.....	1854	Residece in Sparta, Ga.
John Early.....	Virginia.....	1786	Virginia.....	1807	1809	1811	Columbus, Ga.,...	1854	Residence, Lynchburg, Va.
Hubbard H. Kavanaugh.	Kentucky.....	1802	Kentucky.....	1823	1825	1827	Columbus, Ga.....	1854	Residence, Louisville, Ky.
Wm. M. Wightman.....	South Carolina	1808	South Carolina...	1828	1830	1832	New Orleans.....	1854	Residence, Charleston, S. C.
Enoch M. Marvin.....	Missouri.....	1823	Missouri... ..	1841	1843	1845	New Orleans.....	1866	Residence, St. Louis, Mo.
David S. Doggett.....	Virginia.....	1810	Virginia... ..	1829	1832	1833	New Orleans.....	1866	Residence, Richmond, Va.
Holland N. McTyeire...	South Carolina	1824	Virginia... ..	1845	1848	1849	New Orleans.....	1866	Residence, Nashville, Tenn.
John C. Keener.....	Maryland.....	1819	Alabama.....	1842	1844	1846	Memphis, Tenn..	1870	Residence, New Orleans, La

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Joshua Soule.....	Maine.....	1781	New York.....	1799	1801	1803	Baltimore.....	1824	Died in Tenn., March, 1867.
James O. Andrew.....	Georgia.....	1794	South Carolina...	1812	1814	1816	Philadelphia.....	1832	Died in Mobile, March, 1871.
William Capers.....	South Carolina	1790	South Carolina...	1808	1310	1812	Petersburg.....	1846	Died in S. Carolina, Jan., 55.
Robert Paine.....	North Carolina	1799	Tennessee.....	1818	1822	1824	Petersburg.....	1846	Residence, Aberdeen, Miss.
Henry B. Bascom.....	New York.....	1796	Ohio.....	1813	1815	1817	St. Louis.....	1850	Died in Kentucky, Sep. 1850.
George F. Pierce.....	Georgia.....	1811	Georgia.....	1830	1832	1834	Columbus, Ga.....	1854	Residence in Sparta, Ga.
John Early.....	Virginia.....	1786	Virginia.....	1807	1809	1811	Columbus, Ga.,...	1854	Residence, Lynchburg, Va.
Hubbard H. Kavanaugh.	Kentucky.....	1802	Kentucky.....	1823	1825	1827	Columbus, Ga.....	1854	Residence, Louisville, Ky.
Wm. M. Wightman.....	South Carolina	1808	South Carolina...	1828	1830	1832	New Orleans.....	1854	Residence, Charleston, S. C.
Enoch M. Marvin.....	Missouri.....	1823	Missouri.....	1841	1843	1845	New Orleans.....	1866	Residence, St. Louis, Mo.
David S. Doggett.....	Virginia.....	1810	Virginia.....	1829	1832	1833	New Orleans.....	1866	Residence, Richmond, Va.
Holland N. McTyeire...	South Carolina	1824	Virginia.....	1845	1848	1849	New Orleans.....	1866	Residence, Nashville, Tenn.
John C. Keener.....	Maryland.....	1819	Alabama.....	1842	1844	1846	Memphis, Tenn..	1870	Residence, New Orleans, La

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JUNE 1ST, 1866.		JULY 1ST, 1869.	
Assets.....	\$158,619 25	Assets.....	\$212,759 73
Liabilities.....	71,453 55	Liabilities.....	42,575 76
Balance in favor of House...	\$87,165 70	Balance in favor of House...	\$170,183 97
JULY 1ST, 1867.		APRIL 30TH, 1870.	
Assets.....	\$171,597 03	Assets.....	\$230,244 57
Liabilities.....	68,056 76	Liabilities.....	41,872 12
Balance in favor of House...	\$103,540 27	Balance in favor of House...	\$188,352 45
JULY 1ST, 1868.		JULY 1ST, 1871.	
Assets.....	\$173,898 01	Assets.....	\$260,614 22
Liabilities.....	49,822 44	Liabilities.....	44,066 67
Balance in favor of House...	\$124,075 59	Balance in favor of House...	\$216,547 55

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### VII.—*Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, South.*

This Society was organized at the General Conference of 1846, with Edward Stevenson, D. D., as Secretary. In 1850 E. W. Sehon, D. D., was made Secretary, and served until the General Conference of 1866; at which two Boards were organized—one having control of the Foreign and the other of the Domestic Mission work. E. W. Sehon, D. D., was elected Secretary of the Foreign Board (which position he resigned in 1868 and was succeeded by W. E. Munsey, D. D.,) and J. B. McFerrin, D. D., of the Domestic Board. The General Conference of 1870 discontinued this arrangement, and again placed the Missionary operations of the Church under the management of one Board, with J. B. McFerrin as Secretary.

The General Conference of 1846 authorized the establishment of a Mission in China, which was soon thereafter set on foot, and has continued with varying success until now. Recent reports from our missionaries there, Rev. J. W. Lambeth and Rev. Young J. Allen, represent the prospect as highly encouraging.

Previous to the civil war, the Missions our Church were located principally among the colored people of the Southern States—*two hundred and twenty-five thousand* of whom were enrolled as members of the Southern Methodist Church. The Society also extended its operations into the Indian country, where we now have a growing Mission Conference.

The total amount of money contributed by our Church for missionary purposes, from 1845 to 1860, inclusive, was \$2,326,145. The sums contributed each year during the war were largely in excess of the receipts of previous years, but being in a greatly depreciated currency their value cannot be fixed. Since the close of the war the revenue of the Society has been comparatively small, in consequence of the impoverished condition of the Southern people.

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